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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION OF BUDGET EXPENDITURE FOR 2008-2009

Included in this volume are answers to written and oral questions taken on notice and tabled papers relating to the supplementary budget estimates hearings on 23 & 24 October 2008

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		FaHCSIA letter dated 31.10.08 clarifying evidence provided at hearing 23.10.08 relating to National Rental Affordability Scheme	13.11.08
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Outcome 4: Output group 4.2 – Supporting Financial Management

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TABLED BY FAHCSIA ^{T1} 23.10.08

SUBJECT: REFUGEE PAYMENTS AND PENSIONERS

Many Australians have been sent a hoax email which has been circulating for some time, and has been debunked many times, including on the ABC's MediaWatch program on March 17 this year.

The monthly allowance figures quoted in the email bear no resemblance to the payments provided to single people under Australia's income support system, or to payments available to asylum seekers under the Asylum Seeker Assistance scheme.

The text and figures used in the letter appear in a number of Canadian emails, websites and internet chatrooms which attribute the complaint to Canada's payments to refugees and pensioners:
<http://www.snopes.com/politics/immigration/refugees.asp> can provide more information).

This suggests that the complaint neither originated in, nor originally related to, Australia. In Australia's case, refugees granted permanent visas are permanent residents, and can gain access to Centrelink benefits if they need them on the same basis and at the same rates as any other Australian permanent resident.

The email reads:

It is interesting that the Federal Government provides a Single Refugee with a monthly allowance of \$1,890.00 and each can also get an additional \$580.00 in Social Assistance, so a total of \$2,470.00 per month. Family of 4 can receive \$9,880.00 per month or yearly \$118,685

A single Australian pensioner who, after contributing to the growth and development of Australia for 40 to 50 years, receives only a monthly maximum of \$1,012.00 in old age pension and Guaranteed Income Supplement. (Maybe our pensioners should apply as refugees!)

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- Refugees and humanitarian entrants are entitled to the same income support payments as other Australian permanent residents and citizens. **There is no separate rate of payment for refugees.**
 - In Australia, a two year waiting period for income support payments applies to most newly arrived migrants.
 - Refugees and humanitarian entrants are exempt from this two year waiting period and are eligible for income support payments on arrival.
 - This exemption recognises that most refugees and humanitarian entrants arrive with limited money, possessions and social networks to assist them to meet basic living expenses.
 - Australian citizens/permanent residents and refugees who are eligible for an aged pension are entitled to the same monthly payment. The maximum payment is \$1258.20 per month, including rent assistance.

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- Claims that refugees receive more than pensioners appear to have been generated by a hoax email that seems to have originated in Canada and may refer to Canadian rates of payment. The text and figures used in the email appear in a number of Canadian emails, websites and internet chatrooms which attribute the complaint to Canada's payments to refugees and pensioners.

Refugees settling in Australia receive no cash payments under the Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy, but the Department of Immigration and Citizenship assists eligible refugees during their early settlement period with some support services on a needs basis, including in-kind assistance by way of a package of goods to start a household, and subsidised rent and utilities costs for the first four weeks in the country. This support includes:

- pre-embarkation and on-arrival settlement information;
- specialised on-arrival support for humanitarian entrants, including accommodation for four weeks after arrival;
- English language tuition;
- translating and interpreting services;
- orientation, information and referral services; and
- capacity building so that migrant communities can plan and advocate for themselves.

Refugees granted temporary visas do not have access to the full range of *Centrelink* benefits. If needed, they can access only *Centrelink* Special Benefits, and this is also on the same basis and at the same rates as apply to Australian residents.

It must be remembered that refugees are mostly traumatised people that have arrived in Australia after fleeing horrific circumstances in the own countries.

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T5 Economic Security Strategy Payments: Customer Numbers

	<i>Partnered rate</i>	<i>Single rate</i>	<i>Total</i>
Age Pension	1,120,000	910,000	2,030,000
Disability Support Pension	240,000	475,000	715,000
Carer Payment	85,000	45,000	130,000
Wife Pension	30,000	400	30,400
Widow B Pension	0	700	700
Bereavement Allowance	0	100	100
DVA Service Pension	130,000	70,000	200,000
DVA Income Support Supplement	0	85,000	85,000
Partner Allowance	35,000	200	35,200
Widow Allowance	0	40,000	40,000
Parenting Payment, Austudy & Special Benefit over Age Pension age	100	1,000	1,100
Total recipients of payment to pensioners¹	1,640,100	1,627,400	3,267,500
Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders	200,000	80,00	280,000
DVA Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders	4,000	5,000	9,000
Veterans' Gold Card holders who receive Seniors Concession Allowance	6,000	25,000	31,000
	<i>Care Receivers</i>	<i>Carers</i>	
Carer Allowance	470,000	440,000	

Tabled at hearing 24.10.08 by Senator Siewert

¹ For the payments, each person paid at the partnered rate will receive \$1,050 and each person paid at the single rate will receive \$1,400. Some people who are partnered will receive a payment at the single rate of \$1,400—for example, those whose partner is in jail or who are separated by ill health.

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Parliamentary Library Research Paper Commonwealth Indigenous-specific
expenditure 1968-2008

<http://www.aph.gov.au/library/pubs/rp/2008-09/09rp10.pdf>

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TABLED BY TANKS
T3 26/10/08

Safe Houses

195 safe house workers have expressed interest in the positions.
Safe house workers have been recruited and trained and background checks are currently being undertaken for:

TI Tree
Lajamanu
Yarralin
Yuendumu
Pmara Jutunta
Apatula
Raminging
Ngukurr
Nguiu

Training still to occur in

Angurugu
Wugularr
Peppimenarti
Maningrida
Kalkarindji

Safe house workers have not yet been employed due to ongoing negotiations with the Northern Territory Government and the delays in constructing the safe houses.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 001

Topic: Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boswell asked:

What if any steps have been taken to estimate the costs of the government's response to climate change including the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme for every department, agency and program within this portfolio?

What are the costs and estimated costs identified (reported separately)?

Have any costs been included in forward estimates and if so where?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has not prepared any cost estimates for the government's response to climate change including the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme and has not included any costs in the forward estimates.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 002

Topic: Containers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Can the department confirm that six containers each holding a kit to make a 3-person schoolroom accommodation centre, or similar, have been held in storage in Darwin since about October 2006?

- That each container cost approximately \$50,000?
- What is the physical location of the containers?
- What has storage for these containers cost to date?
- What is the monthly cost?
- Who is the legal owner of the containers?
- Where the kits to originally be used in Wadeye?
- Why weren't they used in Wadeye?
- If they were considered 'unsuitable for purpose', who made that decision?
- Why haven't the kits been used elsewhere?

Answer:

The Department advises that this question refers to the three “Ecovilla” prefabricated houses that are currently stored in seven containers in Darwin. The Ecovilla kits were bought for the purpose of community housing, not school accommodation. The Department confirms that six containers holding the three kit houses have been in storage in Darwin since October 2007, with a seventh container stored in Darwin since May 2008.

- The total cost to purchase the materials for the three Ecovilla houses and associated ablutions buildings, stored in seven containers, was \$373,365 (GST exclusive).
- The physical location of the containers is a logistics yard in Berrimah, Darwin. The Ecovillas are being stored by NT Link.
- The total cost of storage, including transportation, since October 2006 is \$15,218.93.
- The monthly cost of storage is \$451.44 per month.
- The legal owner of the Ecovilla houses is Indigenous Business Australia.
- The kits were originally to be used on the Wadeye Outstations.
- It was determined that the Ecovillas could not be used at the Wadeye Outstations after engineers confirmed that the Ecovilla houses did not meet cyclonic codes for that area.
- The advice that the Ecovillas did not meet relevant cyclone codes for that area was provided by Project Building Certifiers Pty Ltd. The decision not to use them in this area was made by FaHCSIA based on the recommendation by IBA as their Project Manager.

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- FaHCSIA has been seeking alternative uses for these building kits but initial negotiations were not successfully concluded due to the design specifications of the buildings not being suitable for the intended use. The Department is now negotiating a different use for these building kits and is confident that this is suited to the design. We expect that the buildings will be utilised early in 2009.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 003

Topic: Containers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Is FAHCSIA aware that the Rotary Club of Sydney Cove has used kits from the same manufacturer to build an arts centre, a women's centre and a residence for visiting doctors and teachers in Daniyala in the past 3-and-a-half years?

- What is the local community's level of satisfaction with these buildings?

Answer:

FaHCSIA is aware that the Sydney Cove Rotary Club is involved in a number of projects, including construction of arts and women's centres, in Baniyala under a five year plan developed with the community.

As part of a Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) between the Australian Government, Baniyala community, Laynhapuy Homelands Association Incorporated, the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training and Sydney Cove Rotary Club, FaHCSIA contributed \$358,000 (GST excl.) in June 2007 for a project to construct visitor accommodation, training facilities and provide an upgrade to essential services to support the buildings. The funding was provided to Laynhapuy Homelands Association Incorporated through a funding agreement. Sydney Cove Rotary Club assisted in the construction of this facility as part of the SRA.

FaHCSIA has been advised that the kits were sourced from Design Construct Industries. This is the manufacturer that provided the Ecovillas.

- A community representative has indicated to FaHCSIA that the community is satisfied with the buildings.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 004

Topic: Containers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Is FAHCSIA aware that the Rotary team, led by a Master Builder member, has successfully trained 25 to 30 people in Daniyala in assembling the kits?

Answer:

A Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) was signed between the Australian Government, Laynhapuy Homelands Association Incorporated, Rotary Club of Sydney Cove, the Northern Territory Department of Employment and Training and the Baniyala community. Through a funding agreement under this SRA, FaHCSIA provided funding to Laynhapuy Homelands Association Incorporated for a project to construct a visitor accommodation and training facility in Baniyala. Rotary Club assisted with the construction of this facility. Training outcomes were not a condition of this funding although FaHCSIA is advised that Rotary Club trained 24 local people in the construction of this facility.

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Question No: 005

Topic: Containers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

Is FaHCSIA aware of NT Government resistance to the use of these kits? Is FaHCSIA aware of the basis for this resistance? What correspondence can be provided on this topic?

Answer:

FaHCSIA discussed the possible use of the Ecovilla kits with Territory Housing. Territory Housing have advised verbally and by email that whenever construction of new houses takes place they prefer to use a 'total dwelling package' which is complete with all internal fit out and connection to services, rather than construct from a kit form such as Ecovilla.

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Question No: 006

Topic: Containers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

When will the kits in the containers be utilised or sold?

Answer:

FaHCSIA is exploring several options to utilise the kits. It is expected that the use of the kits will be finalised by early 2009.

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Question No: 007

Topic: Staffing for NTER measures

Hansard Page: Written & CA10 24/10

Senator Adams asked:

Can you provide your most recent figures on the total number of Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) staff employed to work on Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) measures?

- How has this number changed since the beginning of this year?
- Has there been an increase, has it stayed the same or has it declined?

Answer:

From 24 October 2008, 155 staff were employed to work on NTER FaHCSIA measures representing an increase of 39 staff from a total of 116 staff employed on 1 January 2008. These numbers relate to staff aligned to the NTER under the FaHCSIA organisational structure.

In addition, staff are engaged under normal organisational structures to support the implementation and coordination of NTER measures in addition to a range of other activities that might not be associated with the NTER. Specific details are not available for those staff as budgets are held at a Group level and are not directly attributed to the NTER.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 008

Topic: Advertising

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

What is FaHCSIA's budget for government advertising this financial year?

Answer:

There is no FaHCSIA budget for government advertising in this financial year. Costs are attributed to individual campaigns and/or communication activities (see answer to Question 9).

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 009

Topic: Advertising

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Are there any government advertising campaigns in FaHCSIA expected this financial year? What do they entail and how much has been allocated to each campaign?

Answer:

Below is a list of all advertising campaigns expected this financial year:

Campaign Period	Title	Description	Type of Media	Cost
30 November 2008 to 28 December 2008	Economic Security Strategy (ESS) Payments campaign.	Factual messages about the ESS payments being made during December 2008.	Print, radio and online advertising.	\$5,120,000 appropriated through <i>Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) Bill (No. 1) 2008-09.</i>
January 2009 to June 2009	Economic Security Strategy (ESS) First Home Owners Boost (FHOB) campaign.	Factual messages about the FHOB including eligibility criteria.	To be determined following developmenta l market research.	\$6,430,000 appropriated through <i>Appropriation (Economic Security Strategy) Bill (No. 1) 2008-09.</i>

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 010

Topic: Employee Wages

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

According to the 2007-08 FaHCSIA Annual Report (p. 12, see below), the employee expenses totalled \$291.8 million. Was this just for wages or are there other employee related expenses?

- If so, what are these expenses?

Answer:

1. The total employee expenses in FaHCSIA's 2007-08 Annual Report does not only contain wages. It includes other employee related expenses such as Superannuation, Leave and Other Entitlements, Separation and Redundancies, and Other Employee Benefits.
2. Note 4A (p.442 FaHCSIA's Annual Report) contains the breakdown of employee expenses as follows:

Note 4A: Employee Benefits	\$'000
Wages and salaries	215,554
Superannuation	37,094
Leave and other entitlements	27,991
Separation and redundancies	3,980
Other employee benefits	7,203
Total Employee Benefits	291,822

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 011

Topic: Staffing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many employees does the Department currently employ?

- How does this figure compare to the same time last year?

Answer:

As at 24 October 2008, there were 3153 employees in FaHCSIA. There were 3174 at the same time in 2007.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 012

Topic: Staffing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many permanent staff have been recruited since the budget estimates?

- What level are these staff?

Answer:

288 permanent staff were recruited between budget estimates and 24 October 2008. The levels of these staff were:

APS1	APS2	APS3	APS4	APS5	APS6	EL1	EL2	Legal 1	Legal 2	SES Band 1	SES Band 2
1	2	4	29	49	60	97	32	5	3	5	1

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 013

Topic: Staffing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many temporary positions exist or have been created since Budget estimates?

Answer:

As at 24 October 2008 there were 260 employees in temporary positions, compared with 244 at Budget estimates.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 014

Topic: Staffing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts? If so, where and at what level?

Answer:

A reconciliation of the average staffing level (ASL) for 2008-09 for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs was provided in response to Question Number 9 asked during the 2007-08 Budget Estimates hearing in June 2008. The estimates reduction in 2008-09 due to the effect of the Efficiency Dividend was 37 ASL. In May 2008 the Department set a balanced budget for 2008-09 which took account of: the estimated effect of the Efficiency Dividend; Machinery of Government changes; the winding down or termination of previous Budget Measures; and the implementation of the new Budget Measures. The reduction due to the Efficiency Dividend was applied equally across all groups in the Department and through this approach, no specific area or classification level has been targeted.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 017

Topic: Razor Gang

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

What Special Accounts does the Agency currently hold? How much is in these accounts?

- Does the agency use the interest from these funds to fund ongoing operations?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs currently holds 10 Special Accounts. The list of these accounts and their balances as at 30 June 2008 are reported in the following table:

Special Account	Balance as at 30 June 2008 (\$'000)
Aboriginal Advancement Trust	0
Aboriginals Benefit Account	5,772
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account	166
Commonwealth, State, Territory, Disability Agreement Special Account	221
Income Management	3,235
Northern Territory Flexible Funding Pool Special Account	28,735
Other Trust Monies	141
Other Services – Services for Other Government & Non Government Bodies	72
Social Security – Services for Other Government & Non Government Bodies	223
Supported Accommodation Assistance Program	2,859
Total	41,424

There is no interest earned on the above Accounts with the exception of the Aboriginals Benefit Account and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account. Interest earned on the Aboriginal Benefits Account and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Account is not used to fund ongoing departmental operations.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 018

Topic: Razor Gang

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Has the Razor Gang Mark II given any indication about the future of the Special Accounts?

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has not received any indication from the Razor Gang Mark II regarding the future status of the Special Accounts the Departmental holds.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 019

Topic: Programme underspend

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many programmes were underspent in 2007–2008 financial year?

Answer:

In 2007–2008 FaHCSIA had 51 programmes with a total annual administered appropriation of \$3.9 billion. As reported in the FaHCSIA Annual Report for 2007–08 these programmes underspent appropriation by \$71.0 million or 1.8 per cent.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 020

Topic: Programme underspend

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

What requests have been made to roll-over underspends to 2008–09?
Were these requests successful?

Answer:

The movement of funds from 2007-08 to 2008-09 agreed by the Minister of Finance & Deregulation are presented in the FaHCSIA 2008–2009 PBS on page 111.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 021

Topic: Media Monitoring

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

How much has been spent on media monitoring (across agencies, the department and the Ministerial offices) to date since December 2007?

Answer:

From 1 January 2008 to 24 November 2008, the department, portfolio agencies, two Ministerial offices and Parliamentary Secretary's office spent a total of \$519,656.62 on media monitoring.

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Question No: 022

Topic: Staffing

Hansard Ref: Written

Senator Bernardi asked: For each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary in the FaHCSIA portfolio,

- How many staff based in the electorate office;
- What are the mops classification of each staff member based in electorate office;
- Duty statement of each staff member in electorate office; and
- In relation to personal staff based in the electorate office, please list supporting Department staff for each.

Answer:

The following information is provided by the Ministerial and Parliamentary Services Division of the Department of Finance and Deregulation:

The Hon Jenny Macklin MP – MOP(S) employees in Electorate Office.

Number of Staff	Classifications
4	Electorate Officer B x 3 (2 of the 3 staff members are part time share and one position)
	Electorate Officer A x 1

The Hon Tanya Plibersek MP – MOP(S) employees in Electorate Office.

Number of Staff	Classifications
5	Electorate Officer B x 4 (2 of the 4 staff members are part time and share one position)
	Electorate Officer A x 1

The Hon Bill Shorten MP – MOP(S) employees in Electorate Office.

Number of Staff	Classifications
5	Assistant Adviser x 1
	Electorate Officer C x 1
	Electorate Officer B x 1
	Electorate Officer A x 2

The issue of duty statements is a matter for each employing Senators or Members. There are no duty statements for MOP(S) Act employees issued by Ministerial and Parliamentary Services.

Departmental staff do not support personal staff based in the electorate offices.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 024

Topic: Hospitality Spend

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

What is the Department's hospitality spend YTD?

Answer:

The Department's finance system shows that the hospitality spend year to date is \$204, 533.22.

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Question No: 026

Topic: Overseas travel by Minister Macklin and Parliamentary Secretaries Shorten and Plibersek since Budget Estimates?

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Have Minister Macklin and Parliamentary Secretaries Shorten and Plibersek travelled overseas on official business since Budget Estimates?

If so, where was the travel and what was the duration?

- What was the total cost of travel, accommodation and any other expenses?
- How many Ministerial staff or family accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary?
- For these staff/family what was the cost of travel, accommodation and any other expenses?
- How many officers from the Department accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary?
- In relation to these Departmental officers, what was the total cost of travel, accommodation and any other expenses?

Answer:

Parliamentary Secretary Bill Shorten travelled to Beijing to attend the Paralympic Games from 12-17 September 2008.

Mr Shorten was accompanied by his senior adviser.

The Department of Finance and Deregulation is responsible for overseas travel by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries and they report every six months on costs associated with overseas travel undertaken.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 027

Topic: Freedom of Information Requests

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Has the Department received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?

Answer:

The Department is not aware of having received any advice from any other Department in relation to how to respond to FOI requests.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 028

Topic: Freedom of Information Requests

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many FOI requests has the Department received? (for 07/08 FOI reporting year, 07/08 FOI January to June (inclusive) only and 08/09 FOI reporting year to date).

- How many have been granted or denied?
- How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Answer:

The following information about FOI requests that the Department has received from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (2007/08) is provided in the FOI statistics provided to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) for the FOI annual report required under section 93 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (FOI Act):

- **Number of requests received:** In 2007/08, the Department received 36 new FOI requests for access to documents.
 - **Number of FOI requests granted or denied:** Of the 26 primary decisions made in 2007/08 on access to documents, 6 requests were granted in full, 15 requests were granted in part and 5 requests were denied.
 - **Number of conclusive certificates issued in relation to FOI requests :** Nil

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 029

Topic: Departmental Liaison Officer's

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many Departmental Liaison Officers are currently allocated to each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary?

- Can you rule out that they provide policy advice?

Answer:

As at 24 October 2008, the number of Departmental Liaison Officers (DLOs) allocated to each Minister/Parliamentary Secretary's office is outlined in the table below.

Office	Number of DLO's
The Hon Jenny Macklin, MP	3
The Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP	1
The Hon Bill Shorten, MP	1

DLOs provide a range of administrative duties and liaise between departmental officers, the Ministers and their office staff. This will at times include working with departmental officers to clarify advice provided by the department to Ministers.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 030

Topic: Community Cabinets

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates? How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?

Answer:

Community Cabinet Meeting	Minister(s) attending	Ministerial Advisers attending	Departmental staff attending
Mackay, QLD Sunday, 29 June 2008	Minister Macklin Minister Plibersek	3	6
Yirrkala, NT Wednesday, 26 July 2008	Minister Macklin	4	2
Hallett Cove, SA Thursday, 14 August 2008	Minister Macklin	3	3
Newcastle, NSW Monday, 29 September 2008	Minister Macklin Minister Plibersek Parl Sec Shorten	6	4
Launceston, TAS Wednesday, 5 November 2008	Minister Macklin Minister Plibersek Parl Sec Shorten	5	4

Ministers / Parliamentary Secretary travel and expenses for the above five Community Cabinet meetings, provided by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, is: \$7,166.60 (\$4,540.60 airfares and \$2,626 accommodation / meals / other costs).

Ministerial / Parliamentary Secretary Advisers travel and expenses for the above five Community Cabinet meetings, provided by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, is: \$21,583.88 (\$17,762.88 airfares and \$3,821 accommodation / meals / other costs).

Departmental travel and expenses for the above five Community Cabinet meetings is: \$23,949.80 (\$15,306.72 airfares and \$8,643.08 accommodation / meals / other costs).

Information on the Community Cabinet meeting in Geelong VIC on 8 December 2008 has not been included as it is not yet available.

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Question No: 030 (Amended)

Topic: Community Cabinets

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates? How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?

Answer:

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Ministers / Parliamentary Secretary travel and expenses for the above five Community Cabinet meetings, provided by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, is: \$7,166.60 (\$4,540.60 airfares and \$2,626 accommodation / meals / other costs).

Ministerial / Parliamentary Secretary Advisers travel and expenses for the above five Community Cabinet meetings, provided by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, is: \$21,167.97 (\$17,346.97 airfares and \$3,821 accommodation / meals / other costs).

Departmental travel and expenses for the above five Community Cabinet meetings is: \$23,949.80 (\$15,306.72 airfares and \$8,643.08 accommodation / meals / other costs).

Information on the Community Cabinet meeting in Geelong VIC on 8 December 2008 has not been included as it is not yet available.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 015

Topic: Expenditure Review Task Force

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

What discussions has the Department/Agency had with the Razor Gang Mk II?

Answer:

The Department has held discussions with the Expenditure Review Task Force in relation to the Government's Program by Program Review.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 016

Topic: Expenditure Review Task Force

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Has the Razor Gang indicated any cuts/savings to be made by the Department?

Answer:

No, the Expenditure Review Task Force's Program by Program Review is still in progress.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 023

Topic: Advertising

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Could the department please itemise the advertising and communications programs that it has commissioned since December 2007? Could the department, in itemising these programs, please outline the total spend for each program? (Advertising/communications programs – advertising or promotion of Government programs, policies and services. This includes, but is not limited to, radio, television, newspaper, mail, the internet etc.)

Answer:

Below is a list of all advertising of programs, policies or services commissioned by the Department between December 2007 and October 2008.

Program	Cost
Broadband for Seniors	\$25,594.53
Case Management Services for the support for the victims of people trafficking program	\$19,671.65
Commonwealth Financial Counselling Services	\$27,287.72
Community Development Employment Program	\$60,447.76
FaHCSIA Compass Graduate Program	\$64,906.38
Family Relationship Services Program	\$108,790.00
Financial Management Program: Money Management Services	\$3,859.61
Helping Children with Autism Package	\$510,591.47
International Day for People with Disability	\$28,166.44
Indigenous Coordination Centres	\$968.02
Indigenous Whole-of-Government Programs	\$68,132.94
International Social Security Agreements (Korea/Greece)	\$70,186.80
Longitudinal Study of Indigenous Children	\$536.25
NAIDOC Week 2008	\$16,794.89
National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and Children	\$68,059.13
National Disability Awards	\$32,446.56
National Disability Conference Funding Program	\$26,860.55
National Disability Strategy	\$48,463
National Indigenous Leadership Program	\$298,828.60
National Rental Affordability Rental Scheme	\$303,510.15
National Youth Week 2008 National Talent Competition	\$865.15
Northern Territory Emergency Response Review	\$72,847.15
Personal Helpers and Mentors	\$207,052.76
Provision of National Property Services	\$6,998.81
Reconnect Program	\$6,440.74

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Supported Employment	\$28,865.44
The Australian Government Green Paper on Homelessness	\$34,016.35
Transition Workshops	\$1,660.00
Volunteer Grants Program	\$80,811.05
Women's Leadership and Development Program	\$26,797.29
Total	\$2,250,457.19

26% (\$582,886.85) of the total expenditure on advertising listed above was on tender advertising.

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... Question No: 031

Topic: Departmental Reviews

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio/agency?

- When will each of these reviews be concluded?
- Which reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates?
- When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?

Answer:

There is one review which is currently being undertaken by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). There are an additional fourteen external reviews affecting FaHCSIA.

The FaHCSIA led review is scheduled to report as follows.

1. Pension Review (which forms part of the broader Inquiry into Australia's Future Tax System)	28 February 2009
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The fourteen reviews potentially impacting on the Department include (of which nine have been initiated by the Senate):

1. Senate Inquiry into Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (Further 2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008	10 November 2008
2. Senate Inquiry into Poker Machine Harm Reduction Tax (Administration) Bill 2008/ and Inquiry into Poker Machine Harm Minimisation Bill 2008	10 November 2008
3. Senate Inquiry into Social Security and Veterans' Entitlements Legislation Amendment (Schooling Requirements) Bill 2008	13 November 2008
4. Senate Inquiry into National Rental Affordability Scheme Bill 2008 and National Rental Affordability Scheme (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2008	20 November 2008
5. Senate Inquiry into the Disclosure Regimes for Charities and Not-for-Profit Organisations	23 November 2008
6. Senate Inquiry into Government Expenditure on Indigenous Affairs and Social Services in the Northern Territory	4 December 2008

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7. 2006 Family Law Reforms Evaluation (the Australian Institute of Family Studies is undertaking an evaluation of the family law reform package on behalf of the Australian Government)	31 December 2008
8. House of Representatives Inquiry into Better Support for Carers	Early 2009
9. Productivity Commission Inquiry into Paid Maternity, Paternity and Parental Leave	28 February 2009
10. Senate Inquiry into Petrol Sniffing and Substance Abuse in Central Australia	19 March 2009
11. Senate Inquiry into the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Lost Innocents and Forgotten Australians Reports	19 March 2009
12. Inquiry into Australian Future Tax System (includes a Pension Review headed by Dr Jeff Harmer, FaHCSIA – see above)	December 2009
13. Productivity Commission Inquiry into Australia's Gambling Industries	December 2009
14. Senate Select Committee on Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities	30 September 2010

Since Budget Estimates (ending 5 June 2008), the following ten reviews have been concluded.

1. Senate Select Committee on Housing Affordability Inquiry into the Barriers to Home Ownership in Australia	16 June 2008
2. Senate Inquiry into the Stolen Generation Compensation Bill 2008	16 June 2008
3. Senate Inquiry into Alcohol Toll Reduction Bill 2007	18 June 2008
4. Senate Inquiry into Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Other Legislation Amendment (2008 Budget and Other Measures) Bill 2008	24 June 2008
5. Review of Issues Related to the Acquisition and Management of Container Accommodation in the Northern Territory and the Management of ACMs on Prescribed Communities for the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	30 June 2008
6. Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs into Mental Health Services in Australia	25 September 2008
7. Northern Territory Emergency Response Review	30 September 2008
8. Review of the Australian Government's Use of Information and Communication Technology (the Gershon review)	16 October 2008
9. Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs - Building Trust: Supporting Families through Disability Trusts	16 October 2008
10. House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Inquiry into Developing Indigenous Enterprises	20 October 2008

The Government will be responding in accordance with its responsibilities in relation to all completed reviews.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 109

Topic: Decrease in people staying in AHL

Hansard Page: Written

Senators Payne asked:

- (i) Has there been a decrease in the number of people staying at Aboriginal Hostels?
- (ii) Has there been a decrease in the operational costs of Aboriginal Hostels?

Answer:

- (i) For the AHL-operated hostels, the occupancy rate fell by 4 percentage points over the 12 months to Cost Period 3 2008-09 from 77 to 73 per cent.
- (ii) Operational costs have continued to increase. Over the same period costs grew from \$5,125,065 (actual hostel expenditure) to \$5,692,729, a rise of 11.1 per cent.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 111

Topic: Impact of financial climate

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

What impact has the current financial climate had on Aboriginal persons accessing your services?

Answer:

Although there has been a slight decrease in occupancy rates there does not appear to be any definitive change in the ability of Indigenous people to access AHL's services.

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Output Group: Cross

Question No: 112

Topic: Impact of financial climate

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Has there been a greater demand for beds as a result of the current financial climate?

Answer:

As outlined in Question 111, the occupancy rate of AHL's beds has declined slightly.

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Output Group: Cross Portfolio

Question No: 110

Topic: Decrease in funding

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne

- (i) What impact has the 13% decrease in federal funding had on Aboriginal Hostels?
- (ii) What services/programmes have Aboriginal Hostels cut back on in order to work with the decrease?
- (iii) Have Aboriginal Hostels needed to increase accommodation charges to work with the decrease?

Answer:

- (i) & (ii) The difference in funding between 2007-08 and 2008-09 relates to non-operating appropriations (equity injections) for specific projects do not have any implications on the operations of the company and have not required AHL to cut back on its and programmes. The equity injection details are as follows:

2007-08 equity injections of \$16.230 million were for:

Kununurra Secondary Education Hostel Development	\$5.400 million
Noongar Elders Home in Perth	\$1.600 million
Renal Dialysis Hostel in Townsville, QLD	\$7.100 million
Fire Safety Works at AHL hostels	\$2.130 million

2008-09 equity injections of \$6.472 million were for:

Noongar Elders Home in Perth	\$1.600 million
Renal Dialysis Hostel in Port Hedland, WA	\$3.699 million
Fire Safety Works at AHL hostels	\$1.173 million

- (iii) Aboriginal Hostels Limited has not increased accommodation charges over and above the normal CPI for Centrelink beneficiaries.

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I have held discussions with my technical area and as a result of our discussions last week it has been decided that as a result of no benefit being obtained there is no need for consolidation of entities in which you may have control.

Your financial statements can be now finalised on this basis.

Regards

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Question No: 113

Topic: Mining Royalty Payments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

Does the Central Land Council, CLC, administer the distribution of mining royalty payments to affected traditional owners?

- What is the formula or mechanism used to determine an individual's royalty entitlement?

Answer:

The CLC does administer the distribution of mining royalty payments. It distributes mining royalty payments in accordance with the agreements made pursuant to section 46 of the Land Rights Act.

The recipient associations determine how the associations' funds are applied.

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Question No: 114

Topic: Mining Royalty Payments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

How are traditional owners informed of this formula or mechanism?

- When and how are traditional owners informed of the value of their royalty payment that they are to receive?
- How are royalty payments paid?

Answer:

As members of the association the traditional landowners make the decision.

Traditional landowners receive information about payments at general meetings of the recipient association of which they are a member.

Royalty payments are made to the recipient associations by electronic funds transfer to the nominated bank account.

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Question No: 115

Topic: Fees for Royalties

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

Does the CLC charge a fee or withhold any money from the traditional owner's royalties for the purpose of administering the payment?

Answer:

The CLC does not withhold any monies from royalties payable to traditional landowners. Please refer to subsection 35(8) & 35(11) of the Land Rights Act.

Associations that receive royalty distributions from the CLC may engage the CLC to provide services to the association, in which case an agreed fee will be charged to the association.

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Question No: 116

Topic: Royalty Receipts

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

Does the CLC administer or disperse any royalty receipts for payment to other Aboriginal associations, communities or groups in the Northern Territory.

Answer:

All royalties received by the CLC are paid to associations.

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Question No: 117

Topic: Eligibility Criteria

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

What are the eligibility criteria for funding?

What is the process for applying for and approving funding?

Answer:

The CLC does not accept applications for funding.

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Question No: 118

Topic: Payments to Traditional Owners

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

How are traditional owners informed of any payments made?

Answer:

As far as the CLC is aware, the traditional owners are informed by the recipient association of any payments made.

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Question No: 120

Topic: Fees for Receipts

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

Does the CLC charge a fee or withhold any money from these receipts for the purpose of administering payment?

Answer:

The CLC does not charge a fee or withhold any money from mining royalty recipients for the purpose of administering payment. Please refer to subsection 35(8) & 35(11) of the Land Rights Act.

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Question No: 122

Topic: Peter Kittle

Hansard Page: CA25 24/10

Senator Brandis asked:

Is it no the case that Centrecorp is the owner of units in the CAAMV unit trust that in turn holds a 50 per cent interest in the Peter Kittle Motor Co. along with a 50 per cent interest owned by another company, Yambah Pty Ltd, which is Mr Peter Kittle's own company?

Answer:

Inquiries concerning assets held by Centrecorp should be directed to that entity.

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Question No: 123

Topic: Real Estate Holdings

Hansard Page: CA25 24/10

Senator Brandis asked:

Is it also not the case that the CLC, through is 60 per cent holdings in Centrecorp, has a 50 per cent interest in LJ Hooker Alice Springs, that it owns the Yeperenye Shopping Centre, that it owns the Alice Springs plaza, that is has a 50 per cent interest in Big O Mitre 10 and that it has other real estate property holdings?

Answer:

No.

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Question No: 124

Topic: Centrecorp Distributions

Hansard Page: CA25 24/10

Senator Brandis asked:

Has Centrecorp made any distributions according to its charitable trust deed for the benefit of Aboriginal people in the Central Australia region? If so, when, what were the amounts and to whom were the distributions made?

Answer:

All inquiries about distributions made by Centrecorp pursuant to a trust deed should be directed to that entity.

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Question No: 125

Topic: Transfer Payments

Hansard Page: CA26 24/10

Senator Brandis asked:

Can you tell me whether any other transfer payments have been made either from the CLC to Centrecorp or from Centrecorp to the CLC in the way of administration fees, royalties, or payments of any other character? If so, what, how much and when?

Answer:

No transfer payments have been made from the CLC to Centrecorp or from Centrecorp to the CLC.

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Question No: 126

Topic: Asset Acquirement

Hansard Page: CA26 24/10

Senator Brandis asked:

Is it the case that the capital that Centrecorp has used in order to acquire this large asset portfolio was seed funded from royalties paid by mining companies and other commercial entities with obligations to the central Australian Aboriginal people under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act or other relevant Commonwealth and Northern Territory statutes?

Answer:

All inquires about Centrecorp's sources of funds should be directed to that entity.

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Question No: 119

Topic: Payments

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Scullion asked:

Could a list of all payments made be provided for the 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 financial year?

Answer:

To provide a list of **all payments** for the previous three financial years would be a time and resource intensive process.

The CLC retains complete financial records.

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Question No: 121

Topic: Centrecorp Trust Deed

Hansard Page: CA24/24

Senator Brandis asked:

Would the CLC, as the controlling shareholder, be prepared to consider publishing or making available to the parliament the Centrecorp trust deed?

Answer:

A copy of the deeds are provided herewith.

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DEED OF VARIATION OF TRUST

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CENTRAL ABORIGINAL CHARITABLE TRUST

DATE: 26/10/91

NORTHERN TERRITORY	
Assessment	9116538
Stamp Duty Paid	\$50.00
Late Lodgement Penalty	\$ -
Late Payment Penalty	\$ -
Initials	GB
Date	5/11/91

PARTIES:

1. MARK JOHN WARREN LEWIS of 22 Carunta Street, Wattle Park South Australia ("the Settlor")
2. CENTRAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED of 33 Stuart Highway Alice Springs Northern Territory ("the Trustee")

WHEREAS the Settlor desires to establish a perpetual trust for charitable purposes and in furtherance of such desire has paid to the Trustee the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00)

NOW BY THIS DEED THERE IS CONSTITUTED a perpetual charitable trust to be known as Central Aboriginal Charitable Trust or such other name as the Trustee may determine from time to time the income whereof will be employed in the manner hereinafter appearing for the public charitable purposes hereinafter appearing and which shall be governed and administered in accordance with the following provisions, namely

1. DEFINITIONS

In this Deed where the context so admits or requires -

- 1.1. "Trust" means the Trust hereby constituted subject to such variations as are hereby authorised and where applicable includes the Trust Fund and the charitable and the public charitable purposes herein expressed and the means of achieving those charitable purposes as set out or authorised by this Deed;
- 1.2. "Trustee" means the Trustee or Trustees of the Trust for the time being;
- 1.3. "Trust Fund" means the aforementioned sum paid or to be paid by the Settlor to the Trustee and such other moneys shares or property (either real or personal) as shall hereafter be given devised or bequeathed from time to time to the Trust by the Settlor or by other persons and any investments or other property into which the said sum or such money shares or property may be converted;
- 1.4. "gift" includes the subject matter of a gift to the Trust and any accretions to that gift and the money investments and property for the time being representing the same and the income thereof respectively and applies to any residue of a gift out of which a payment or application of capital or income has been made by the Trustee;
- 1.5. "income" includes any income accrued on any investment or property at the date it becomes subject to the trusts of this Deed but does not include any



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accretion;

- 1.6. "accretion" includes bonus shares and any capital profits resulting or arising from the conversion or re-investment of a gift;
- 1.7. "month" and "year" mean calendar periods;
- 1.8. "person" includes a corporation;
- 1.9. "code" means the Corporations law as it applies in the Northern Territory
- 1.10. words importing the singular number included the plural number and vice versa;
- 1.11. words importing any gender shall include the other genders;
- 1.12. all references to statutes shall also refer to statutes amending modifying or re-enacting or replacing the statutes referred to;
- 1.13. "Minister" means the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs for the time being of the Commonwealth of Australia.
- 1.14. "Act" shall mean and include all Proclamations, Orders-in-Council, instruments, regulations, rules, by-laws and Ordinances made thereunder;
- 1.15. references herein to "this Deed" include this Deed as lawfully amended or altered from time to time.

2. PURPOSES AND APPLICATION OF TRUST FUND

The Trustee shall hold the Trust Fund in perpetuity and subject to this Deed shall apply the Trust Fund and the income thereof (including any income which may be derived by the Trust as a beneficiary of or which may be allocated to the Trust by the Trustee of any other trust or trust fund whether now in existence or hereafter to be established) in Australia or in other countries overseas for the purposes set out in the Schedule;

PROVIDED ALWAYS that no application shall be made of the Trust Fund for any purposes which is not a public charitable purpose AND PROVIDED FURTHER that nothing contained in this proviso to Clause 2 shall prevent payment of administration expenses out of the Trust Fund.

3. APPLICATION OF FUND

- 3.1. Subject to Clause 2 and without limiting the generality of the foregoing the Trustee may apply the Trust Fund and the income thereof by making such occasional periodical or other payments for the purposes of the Trust to such associations funds institutions and organizations as the Trustee shall think fit and without the Trustee being bound to see to the further application thereof provided that where

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a payment is made to an association fund institution or organization which has any non-charitable purposes or objects the Trustee shall first obtain from such association fund institution or organization an undertaking to apply such payment exclusively for one or more wholly charitable public purposes designated by the Trustee.

- 3.2. The receipt of any person purporting to be an officer of any association fund institution or organization shall be a valid and effective discharge to the Trustee for any payment made by them to or for or intended to be to or for such association fund institution or organization.

4. FUNDS NEED NOT BE APPLIED IMMEDIATELY

The Trustee shall not be bound so to apply the income of the Trust Fund in the year of its receipt and if in the opinion of the Trustee it is not desirable to apply any part of the income of the Trust Fund for the purposes of the Trust immediately upon its receipt they may pending its application pursuant to Clause 2 invest such part in accordance with the provisions hereof relating to the investment of the Trust Fund or pay the same into a bank account.

5. SINKING FUND

The Trustee may at any time and from time to time set apart as a reserve or sinking fund the whole or any part of the income of the Trust Fund in any year to meet payment in respect of any periodical payment agreed to be paid by the Trustee and may invest any sums so set apart and also (if and when thought fit) the resulting income thereof in accordance with the provisions hereof relating to the investment of the Trust Fund with power at any time to vary any of such investments and the Trustee may at any time sell any investment representing the capital or income of the reserve or sinking fund and apply the proceeds thereof as income of the Trust Fund.

6. APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF TRUSTEES

The provisions herein contained as to the appointment of a new Trustees and the discharge and retirement of Trustee shall apply by way of extension to and not in substitution for the powers of appointment conferred upon trustees by the Trustee Act.

7. APPOINTMENT & REMOVAL OF TRUSTEES

7.1. A body corporate may be sole Trustee of the Trust but if there is no corporate Trustee the number of Trustee shall be not less than two nor more than five.

7.2. The first Trustee and all succeeding Trustee shall hold office until they die or resign or are removed pursuant to the provisions of this Clause.

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- 7.3. Any Trustee may retire upon giving at least two months' notice in writing of his intention so as to do to the other Trustee for the time being and if there is no other Trustee, to the Minister, and upon the expiration of such notice the Trustee giving the notice shall cease to be a Trustee hereof and shall be discharged from the trusts hereof PROVIDED ALWAYS: that nothing in this Clause shall prevent the appointment of Trustee incorporated and resident in any part of the world.
- 7.4. The Minister may at any time by writing under his hand:
- 7.4.1. appoint a new Trustee or new Trustees in place of any Trustee so removed from office or in place of any Trustee who dies or otherwise ceases to hold office as a Trustee or in addition to the existing Trustees up to the limit imposed by Clause 7.1.

8. PROCEEDINGS OF TRUSTEE

- 8.1. In the event that a Trustee of the Trust is an individual then the following procedures and rules shall be applicable to and observed in the administration of the Trust:
- 8.1.1. The Trustees shall meet at least once in each calendar year and shall hold such further meetings as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable.
- 8.1.2. The meeting of the Trustees shall be held in such place as may from time to time be determined upon by the Trustees.
- 8.1.3. Any Trustee may at any time call a meeting of the Trustees.
- 8.1.4. At any meeting of the Trustees two Trustees shall form a quorum.
- 8.1.5. Decisions of the Trustees need not be unanimous but shall be by a majority of those Trustees present and voting at any meeting.
- 8.1.6. At each meeting of the Trustee a Chairman shall be appointed and in the case of an equality of votes he shall have a second vote.
- 8.1.7. Any resolution of the Trustee may at any time be rescinded or varied.
- 8.1.8. Trustees shall keep a minute book in which shall be recorded the proceedings of the Trustee and if such minutes are confirmed they shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting or of the meeting at which they are

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confirmed.

8.2. If a company in the sole Trustee of the Trust the procedures and rules outlined in Clause 8.1 shall be observed by the company and shall be applicable to meetings of its Board of Directors as though the Directors were the Trustees referred to in Clause 8.1 save and except that, at any meeting of the Directors of such company, three (3) Directors shall form a quorum.

9. DELEGATION OF POWERS AND MANAGEMENT

9.1. The Trustee may at any time delegate any of its duties or powers to a corporate Trustee or to any subcommittee consisting of such Trustee or Trustees as the Trustee may think fit.

9.2. The Trustee may at any time appoint or make provision for the appointment of any persons who in the opinion of the Trustee are likely to be of assistance to it in the administration of the Trust as an advisory Committee to advise the Trustee from time to time on what basis in what manner and to whom the income of the Trust or any part thereof shall be paid and on such other matters as the Trustee may think fit and the Trustee may pay reasonable remuneration to the members of such Committee and may prescribe rules for the meetings of the Committee but shall not be bound to accept the Committee's advice.

9.3. The Trustee may from time to time appoint any person or persons to be the attorney or attorneys agent or agents of the Trustee to exercise upon behalf of the Trustee in any place such of the trusts powers and indiscretions hereby given to or conferred upon the Trustee as it thinks fit and the Trustee shall not be liable or answerable for the acts or defaults of any such attorney or attorneys agent or agents.

9.4. In connection with the carrying out of all or any of the trusts and powers herein contained the Trustee may hire engage or employ and avail itself of the services of professionally qualified persons and specialists (including stockbrokers bankers accountants barristers solicitors architects and surveyors) and managers secretaries clerks or other persons as in its absolute discretion it may think fit and may remunerate them out of the capital or income of the Trust and in particular the Trustee may employ and remunerate any member of the Board of Directors of a corporate Trustee or any member of a corporate Trustee or any firm in which any Trustee or member of a corporate Trustee or its Board of Directors is a partner and may remunerate him as though he were not a Trustee or member as aforesaid.

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10. REMUNERATION OF THE TRUSTEE

10.1. The Trustee shall out of the income of the Trust Fund in the first place pay and reimburse itself for all costs and expenses of or incidental to the management of the Trust Fund or the execution of any of the trusts or powers expressed or implied herein including the cost of incorporation of any corporate Trustee and the remuneration of the Trustee in accordance with Clause 10.2.

10.2. Each Trustee may receive such reasonable amount for its trouble and services as Trustee as shall be determined from time to time by the Trustee PROVIDED:

10.2.1. that if the Settlor is a Trustee he shall not be entitled to receive any amount aforesaid;

10.2.2. that if the Settlor is a Director of a corporate Trustee he shall not receive any fee or remuneration derived from the remuneration aforesaid.

11. POWERS OF THE TRUSTEE

The Trustee may in its absolute discretion and without limiting anything herein contained:

11.1. adopt and be bound by the provisions of any contracts or arrangements made by other persons or corporations for the performance of any of the purposes of the Trust and may pay such sum as seems reasonable to the Trustee in order to secure the right to use any of the papers, studies, drawings, lists, applications or intellectual property developed or acquired by such other person or corporation in relation to such contracts or arrangements;

11.2. purchase lease acquire create donate or provide property of all kinds whether real or personal and including securities debts deposits and choses in action of every description;

11.3. pay or apply any income of the Trust at any time or times or hold and carry forward the same for subsequent payment or application otherwise than in the year of its receipt;

11.4. at any time and from time to time sell exchange realize call in convert or otherwise deal dispose or partition any real or personal property comprising or forming part of the Trust Fund or any part thereof or any interest therein as fully as if it were the absolute owner thereof;

11.5. borrow or raise money on such terms and conditions as to the Trustee shall appear desirable and secure the same or the repayment or performance

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- of any debt, liability, contract, guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Trustee by mortgage, charge or other form of security over the Trust Fund or any part thereof;
- 11.6. advance and lend moneys or give credit to any person, body corporate or association;
- 11.7. give any guarantee or indemnity for payment of money or the performance of contracts or obligations by any person, body corporate or association and to mortgage or charge or give any other form of security over the Trust Fund or any part thereof to secure performance of such guarantee or indemnity;
- 11.8. make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments;
- 11.9. invest the Trust Fund or any part thereof in any manner or engage in any dealing or transaction which it shall in its absolute discretion determine notwithstanding that the same may not be authorised by law for the investment of trust funds including and without restricting the generality of the foregoing powers investment in shares stock bonds convertible notes debentures debenture stock mortgages and deposits or in purchasing or improving any land or property or any interest in land or property and vary and transpose any such investments from time to time;
- 11.10. pay all expenses and outgoings which may be incurred by it in relation to the Trust Fund and the execution of the trusts hereof;
- 11.11. demise or let any property forming part of the Trust Fund for such terms at such rent and with or without taking a premium fine or fore gift and subject to such provisions as to the Trustee shall appear desirable;
- 11.12. accept surrenders of lease upon such terms and subject to such conditions as to the Trustee shall appear desirable;
- 11.13. appoint and remove or suspend and pay such officers clerks servants or agents as it may from time to time deem desirable and determine their duties and powers and fix their salaries and remuneration and (if considered necessary) require security of such amount as it deems fit for the proper and efficient discharge of such duties;
- 11.14. improve repair maintain manage use or demolish any real or personal property forming part of the Trust Fund and insure the same against loss or damage by fire and such other risks as the Trustee

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thinks fit and discharge out of income or capital all outgoings properly payable in respect of the property without prejudice to the right of the Trustee to make it a condition of letting any person into the possession of any property (whether as tenant at will or otherwise) that such person shall pay and discharge all or any part of such outgoings and make allowances and arrangements in respect of any such property and grant or acquire easements or other rights and generally deal with such land or join in dealings with the same as if beneficially entitled thereto and without being responsible for any loss;

- 11.15. exercise all rights privileges and perform all duties appertaining to any shares or stock for the time being subject to the Trusts of this Trust Deed with liberty to assent to any arrangements modifying those rights and privileges or duties or providing for the listing of those shares or that stock on a Stock Exchange and agree to any scheme or arrangements for reconstruction or the increase or reduction of the capital of any company and for such purpose deposit surrender or exchange any of those shares or that stock or the title thereto and pay any calls or contributions or other necessary expenses in connection with those shares or that stock or any arrangement as aforesaid;
- 11.16. from time to time open and maintain in its name a banking account or banking accounts at such bank or banks as it shall from time to time decide and at any time pay or cause to be paid any moneys forming part of the Trust Fund or of the income thereof to the credit of any such account or accounts or place or cause to be placed the same on deposit with any banker or bankers;
- 11.17. do such other lawful acts and things as are in its opinion incidental to or conducive to the attainment of the general purposes of the Trust.

12. TRUSTEE MAY ACT NOTWITHSTANDING PERSONAL INTEREST

The Trustee may exercise or concur in exercising all of the powers and discretions contained in this Deed or otherwise by law conferred notwithstanding that the Trustee (whether or not a company) has or may have a direct or personal interest (whether as trustee or any other settlement or in his personal capacity or as a director or shareholder of any company or otherwise) in the mode or result of exercising such power or discretion and notwithstanding that the Trustee for the time being is the sole Trustee.

13. GIFTS

Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Deed the Trustee may retain in its original form any gift to the Trust without selling or converting the same into money and

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the Trustee may invest any gifts or any parts thereof in a common Fund or aggregate any gifts or parts thereof for investment and shall have plenary power of allocating among any gifts (or parts thereof) so invested any accretions to or income of that investment.

14. RULES

For the purposes of applying the capital and income of the Trust for the Trusts and purposes hereinbefore mentioned the Trustee shall have power to formulate any scheme or schemes for the distribution of the capital or income of the Trust and may prescribe and publish such rules and regulations in connection with the administration operation and distribution thereof and as to the meetings of the Trustee and of any sub-Committee and of any advisory Committee (if applicable) the method of convening the same and the conduct of their business as the Trustee may consider proper providing always that such rules are consistent herewith and are permitted by law and such rules and regulations shall be binding on the persons affected thereby and the Trustee may from time to time revoke add to amend or alter such scheme rules and regulations and formulate another or others in lieu thereof.

15. ACCOUNTS

The Trustee shall keep or cause to be kept accounts in such manner as it thinks fit of the Trust Fund and of all receipts and payments assets and liabilities of the Trust Fund and of all other matters necessary to show the financial position of the Trust and at the expense of the Trust the Trustee may from time to time in its absolute discretion cause those accounts to be audited by a qualified accountant appointed in that behalf by the Trustee.

16. LIABILITY OF TRUSTEE

16.1. The Trustee shall only be liable for its own wilful default in the performance of the Trusts hereof and shall not be liable for any mere neglect or unwitting breach of trust or for any involuntary loss.

16.2. In particular and without restricting the generality of the foregoing:

16.2.1. No Trustee shall be liable by reason simply of any breach of trust committed by a co-Trustee and each Trustee shall be chargeable only in respect of such moneys as he or it shall actually receive;

16.2.2. The Trustee shall not be liable for any loss occasioned by the default of its officers servants or employees or any person rendering services in connections with the Trust nor for any default of its own other than wilful default nor for any involuntary loss or loss occasioned by the failure to insure or maintain any insurance nor for any loss

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THE SCHEDULE

The purposes for which the Trust is established are:

The relief of poverty, misfortune, destitution, disadvantage, distress, disposition and suffering amongst the Aboriginal people of Central Australia including providing housing, health care, services and facilities, transportation and communication services, land under secure title for dispossessed people, education and training.

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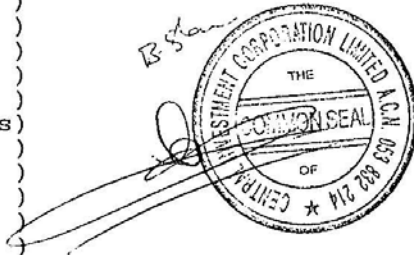
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Settlor and the Trustee have executed this Deed the day and year first hereinbefore mentioned.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of)
 CENTRAL INVESTMENT)
 CORPORATION LIMITED)
 by authority of a resolution)
 of the Board of Directors in)
 accordance with the requirements)
 of the Articles of Association)
 in the presence of)
 Barbara Shaw)
 a Director and)
 David Michael Ross)
 the Secretary)
 a Director)



SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED)
 by MARK JOHN WARREN LEWIS)
 in the presence of:)

M. J. Warren Lewis

McClintock

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DATE:

MARK JOHN WARREN LEWIS

"the Settlor"

CENTRAL INVESTMENT
CORPORATION LIMITED

"the Trustee"

CHARITABLE TRUST

PHILIP & MITAROS
Barristers & Solicitors
6th Floor
National Mutual Centre
9-11 Cavenagh Street
DARWIN N T 0800

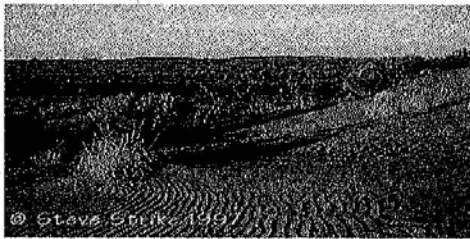
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*Deed of Appointment and
Retirement of Trustee*



Central Aboriginal Charitable Trust

Between:

Central Aboriginal
Investment Corporation Limited
"the retiring Trustee"

And:

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DEED OF APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF TRUSTEE

THIS DEED is made the 23rd day of NOVEMBER 1998

BETWEEN:
NT STAMP DUTY 03/12/98
4664 05395104 copy duty \$5.00
CENTRAL ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED (ACN: 009 632 214) whose registered office is situate at 75 Hartley Street, Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia ("the retiring Trustee")
4664 05395104 DB duty \$5.00

AND:

CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION PTY LTD (ACN: 009 626 091) whose registered office is situate at 75 Hartley Street, Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia ("the new Trustee")

WHEREAS:-

- A. By Deed made on the 26th October 1991 between MARK JOHN WARREN LEWIS of 22 Carunta Street, Wattle Park in the State of South Australia as Settlor and the retiring Trustee ("the Trust Deed") a trust fund was created known as CENTRAL ABORIGINAL CHARITABLE TRUST ("the trust").
- B. The retiring Trustee was appointed Trustee of the trust by the Trust Deed and has continuously held such office up to and including the date hereof.
- C. By clause 7.3 of the Trust Deed the power of appointment of a new Trustee in the place of an existing Trustee is vested in the Trustee of the trust.
- D. The new Trustee is not by virtue of the provisions of the Trust Deed or by law precluded from assuming office as Trustee of the Trust.
- E. The new Trustee has agreed to join in these presents to accept appointment as Trustee of the Trust.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH:-

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEE

1. The Retiring Trustee as Trustee in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Trust Deed hereby gives notice in writing of retirement and resignation as Trustee of the trust, and confirms and appoints the new Trustee as Trustee of the trust in place of the retiring Trustee to undertake as from the execution of this Deed by all parties, the trust powers, duties and obligations conferred by the Trust Deed upon the Trustee as if the new Trustee were a party to the Trust Deed.
2. The retiring Trustee declares and confirms its retirement as Trustee of the trust which retirement is to take effect as and from the execution of this Deed.
3. The new Trustee covenants and agrees that as and from the execution of this Deed it will be bound and observe and administer the trust powers, discretions and obligations conferred by the Trust Deed as if it were named as the Trustee.
4. This Deed shall for all purposes be deemed to have been executed by all parties on the date which it bears.

RELEASE OF RETIRING TRUSTEE

5. It is agreed that subject to the provisions of clause 8 of this Deed the retiring Trustee is as and from the execution hereof discharged from further performance of its obligations and duties as Trustee of the Trust.

COVENANT BY NEW TRUSTEE

6. The new Trustee covenants that it is not by virtue of the provisions of the Trust Deed or by law precluded from assuming office as Trustee of the Trust.

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COVENANT BY RETIRING TRUSTEE

8. The retiring Trustee covenants that it will do all things necessary to transfer legal title to the assets of the trust to the new Trustee and to sign all documents and do all things reasonably required to enable the new Trustee to assume and carry out its duties as Trustee of the Trust.

JURISDICTION

9. The Deed and all ancillary matters relating thereto shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law for the time being of the Northern Territory of Australia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their seals the day and year first hereinbefore written.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of)
CENTRAL ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT)
CORPORATION LIMITED)
 by authority of a resolution of the Board)
 of Directors in the presence of:)



Director *[Signature]*

and

Director/Secretary *[Signature]*

GIVEN under the Common Seal of)
CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT)
CORPORATION PTY LTD)
 by authority of a resolution of the Board)
 of Directors in the presence of:)



Director *[Signature]*

and

Director/Secretary *[Signature]*

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DATED this 23 day of November 1998

BETWEEN:

CENTRAL ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT
CORPORATION LIMITED

"the retiring Trustee"

AND:

CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT
CORPORATION PTY LTD

"the new Trustee"

DEED OF APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT
OF TRUSTEE
CENTRAL ABORIGINAL CHARITABLE TRUST



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THIS DEED OF VARIATION OF TRUST is made the 31st day of May 2006

BY CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION PTY LTD (ACN 009 626 091) of 75 Hartley Street Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia (the Trustee)

RECITALS

- A. The Trustee is the duly constituted Trustee of a settlement made on the 26th day of October 1991 between MARK JOHN WARREN LEWIS as Settlor and CENTRAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION LTD as the Trustee of a perpetual charitable trust known as THE CENTRAL ABORIGINAL CHARITABLE TRUST pursuant to a Deed of Retirement and Appointment of Trustee made the 29th November 1998 between the said Central Investment Corporation Ltd as retiring trustee and the Trustee herein described as new trustee. NT STAMPS DUTY 19/07/06 \$20.00
- B. The Trustee is desirous of amending the Deed of Trust in the manner set out in clause 3 of this Deed.
- C. Clause 17 of the Deed of Trust states:
- "17. AMENDMENT OF THIS DEED
- The Trustee may at any time and from time to time by supplemental deed amend, vary and extend all or any of the Trust's power and provisions contained in this Trust Deed in such manner as the Trustee shall think fit PROVIDED ALWAYS that no part of the Trust shall become subject to any trust other than trust or public charitable purposes."
- D. The Trustee is desirous of exercising its powers referred to in Recital C to give effect to the proposal referred to in Recital B.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

ACCURACY OF RECITALS

1. The above recitals are true and correct in every material particular and are deemed to form part of this Deed.

INTERPRETATION

2. In this Deed the following expressions have the meanings assigned to them respectively unless those meanings are repugnant to the context or subject matter:
- 2.1 "Shareholders" means a body corporate registered in the Trustees register of members as the holder of shares in the Trustee;
- 2.2 "the Trust" means the trust settlement referred to in Recital A: and the expression extends to and includes all amendments and variation thereof from time to time;

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- 2.3 "the Trust Deed" means the Deed of Trust relating to the Trust; and the expression extends to and includes all supplemental Deeds relating thereto executed or brought into existence before the date hereof;
- 2.4 "the Trustee" means the said CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION PTY LTD (ACN 009 626 091) and the expression extends to and includes its respective successors and permitted assigns in respect of the Trust.
- 2.5 In this Deed:
- 2.5.1 unless the context otherwise requires the definitions contained in provision 1 of the Trust Deed shall apply as though they had been set forth in full herein;
- 2.5.2 words in the singular number include the plural and words in the plural number include words in the singular and words of one gender denote the gender appropriate to the context of the subject matter;
- 2.5.3 the headings and sub-headings are for convenience and reference purposes only and are not intended to affect the interpretation of this Deed;
- 2.5.4 each provision shall be construed and shall take effect in accordance with the laws of the Northern Territory of Australia and the respective rights, liabilities and obligations of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the Northern Territory of Australia;
- 2.5.5 each term and provision shall be construed and shall take effect independently of each other term and provision and no term or provision found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be void voidable or unenforceable shall affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision.

VARIATION OF TRUST DEED

3. In exercise of the power to vary the Trust as expressed in recital C and all other enabling powers the Trustee hereby varies the Trust Deed in the following manner: that is to say:
- 3.1 by deleting clause 12 of the Trust Deed in its entirety.
- 3.2 By adding the following additional provision;

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class and of any benefit to any member of that class whether by contract or otherwise;

- (b) no part of the capital or income of the Trust Fund shall be paid or lent to or applied whether by way of remuneration or otherwise howsoever for the benefit either directly or indirectly of any member of the excluded class in any manner or any circumstance whatsoever;
- (c) no power conferred upon the Trustees by this Deed or by virtue of anything done pursuant to this Deed or by law shall be capable of being exercised and no provision herein contained shall operate in such manner that any member of the excluded class will or may become entitled either directly or indirectly to any benefit in any manner or in any circumstances whatsoever.

IN this Additional Provision the "excluded class" means and includes:

- (a) the Organisations;
- (b) the Shareholders;
- (c) any notional shareholder of the trustee;
- (d) any person claiming under or in right of the Organisations or the Shareholders or of any notional shareholder of The Trustee;

PROVIDED FURTHER that the Trustee may at any time and from time to time declare in writing that any person shall be a member of the excluded class notwithstanding that he or she might but for such declaration benefit from the Trust and the excluded class shall as and from the date of making such declaration be modified accordingly.

REST OF TRUST DEED UNALTERED

- 4. Subject only to the variations herein contained and such other alterations as may be necessary to make the Trust Deed consistent with this Deed the Trust Deed remains in full force and effect and will be read and construed as if the terms of this Deed were inserted therein by way of addition or substitution (as the case may be).

COSTS

- 5. All costs of and incidental to the giving of instructions for and the preparation, execution and stamping of this Deed shall be borne by the Trustee in its capacity as Trustee of the Trust.

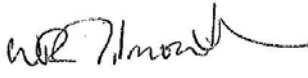
EFFECTIVE DATE OF DEED

- 6. The Trust Deed is varied and this Deed becomes effective on the last day this Deed is executed by all parties being the date of this Deed.

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IN WITNESS this Deed has been executed on the date first written.

EXECUTED by CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL
INVESTMENT CORPORATION PTY LTD
in accordance with the Corporations Law in the
presence of:

} 
} S. Bell

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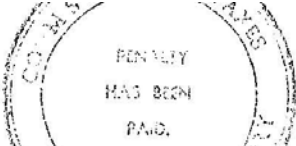
DEED OF SETTLEMENT
OF TRUST

CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT
CORPORATION PTY LTD

Trustee
of the

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CHARITABLE TRUST

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NORTHERN TERRITORY	
Assessment	3100581
Stamp Duty Paid	\$5.00
Late Lodgement Penalty	\$26.00
Late Payment Penalty	\$
Initials	GJ Date day 17

DEED OF SETTLEMENT OF TRUST is made the
of 1985 by
BRUCE GEORGE DONALD of 25 Bruce Street, Alice Springs, Northern
Territory (hereinafter called "the Settlor" of the first part,

CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION PTY LTD OF 75
Hartley Street, Alice Springs, Northern Territory (hereinafter
called "The Trustee"), of the second part

AND

CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL, incorporated under the Aboriginal Land
Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, of 75 Hartley Street, Alice
Springs, Northern Territory

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CONGRESS INCORPORATED of 78 Hartley
Street, Alice Springs, Northern Territory

TANGENTYERE COUNCIL INCORPORATED of 4 Elder Street, Alice
Springs, Northern Territory, (hereinafter jointly called "the
Organisations") jointly of the third part,

WHEREAS

1. The Settlor wishes to establish a charitable fund for Central Australian Aboriginal people whereby income producing assets can over time be acquired in resource, tourist and other projects on or relating to Aboriginal land and Aboriginal people.
2. The Organisations are established to serve the needs and further the interests of the Aboriginal people of Central Australia.
3. The Aboriginal people of Central Australia are subject to considerable disadvantage, distress, dispossession and suffering.
4. The Organisations are shareholders of the Trustee and agree to it acting as trustee of a Fund which has been established to take advantage of investment and commercial opportunities that arise in Central Australia on or in relation to Aboriginal land or that relate to Aboriginal people, and to exploit those opportunities to generate assets and funds for charitable purposes to relieve the said unreasonable distress, disadvantage, dispossession and suffering.

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2. The Trustee and the Organisations covenant that the Trustee may from time to time accept grants, settlements, gifts or assignments of any money or real or personal property whatsoever on the trusts herein contained which shall form part of the fund of the Trust and that accordingly "the Trust Fund" shall mean the following property namely:-
- (i) the sum hereby granted to the Trustee on trust;
 - (ii) any other property hereafter received by the Trustee as capital moneys to be held upon the trusts applicable to the Trust Fund;
 - (iii) all, if any, accumulations of income of the Trust Fund lawfully made;
 - (iii) the authorised investments from time to time made by the Trustee using the Trust Fund for the benefit of the Trust Fund and the assets representing the foregoing or any part or parts thereof;
3. The Trustee shall stand possessed of the Trust Fund and the income thereof UPON TRUST that the Trustee shall from time to time pay or apply the income and at any time or times (if and when the Trustee in its absolute discretion thinks fit) pay or apply the whole or any part or parts of the capital of the Trust Fund for such Charitable Objects as the Trustee shall from time to time in its absolute discretion determine PROVIDED ALWAYS that:
- (a) the Trustee in considering the exercise of such discretion shall have regard to (but unless expressly provided herein shall not be bound by) any wishes expressed in writing by or on behalf of any of the Organisations;
 - (b) during the period of twenty one (21) years from the date hereof the Trustee may accumulate such part of the income of the Trust Fund and apply it as the Trustee considers necessary to acquire investments hereby authorised or to meet the obligations and liabilities of the Fund in respect of any such investments for the purpose of enabling the Fund to generate income to meet the Charitable Objects and to hold such accumulations as part of the Trust Fund;
 - (c) notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained the Trustee shall have power in its absolute discretion to accept any money or other assets which may hereafter be transferred to it as such Trustee and to hold the same UPON TRUST for such particular Charitable Object or Objects as the transferor may at the time of such transfer specify in writing and the Trustee may agree.

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and shall at its like discretion invest the money arising thereby and all cash requiring investment in the name or under the control of the Trustee in any of the investments authorised herein and with full power from time to time at such discretion as aforesaid to vary and exchange the same for others of a like nature;

- (b) The Trustee shall be responsible for carrying out and promoting the Charitable Objects and for the conduct of the Trust and for the management of the Trust Fund in such a manner as the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion think appropriate but subject always to the provisions of this Deed;
- (c) Without prejudice to the generality of the discretions conferred upon the Trustee by the foregoing sub-clauses of this Clause it shall be lawful for the Trustee in exercise of such discretion and with the consent of the Organisations to pay or transfer income or capital (as the case may be) to any other charitable company institution trust or body having objects similar to or including all or some one or more of the charitable objects and the Trustee shall be entitled to covenant annual payments to any other such company institution trust or body if it shall so think fit;
- (d) Without prejudice to the generality of the discretions conferred upon the Trustee by the foregoing sub-clauses of this Clause the Trustee may with the consent of the Organisations by scheme made in writing by it constitute a new charitable company, institution, trust or body for any Charitable Objects and pay or transfer income or capital to such charitable company, institution trust or body and such scheme may include any provision which can lawfully be included in a charitable scheme and in particular may include provisions for extending the power of investment beyond trustee securities for the holding of investments in the name of a nominee and for the remuneration of any such nominee or of any corporate or professional trustee of such scheme; and may constitute as trustee of any such scheme any person or body corporate whether or not including the Trustee itself;
- (e) Generally the Trustee may co-operate with or contribute to any charitable company, institution, trust or body of the type referred to in sub-clauses (c) or (d) of

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to the provisions of this Deed) according to the widest generality of which the foregoing words are capable and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing powers) the Trustee shall have for such furtherance the powers following, which are given in addition to and not in derogation of all the powers by law or equity vested in trustees:

- (a) Power to take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the Trust Fund, in the shape of donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise.
- (b) Power to take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the Charitable Objects PROVIDED THAT in case the Trustee shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Trustee shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts.
- (c) Power to make any payment to any person corporations or corporations.
- (d) Power to purchase, take on lease or otherwise acquire, or acquire an interest in or lend money on the security of, any real or personal property (including in particular power to acquire any property and any rights or privileges over property the acquisition or enjoyment of which shall be conducive to or expedient for the promotion of one or more of the Charitable Objects or any of them or for occupation or use for the purpose of the management or administration of the Trust) whether or not such property shall be of a lasting nature or of an income producing nature and whether or not the same shall involve liabilities.
- (e) Power to lend all or any moneys for the time being subject to the trusts hereof to any person or body of persons corporation or unincorporated association with or without interest, with or without security and upon such terms and conditions as the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion think proper.
- (f) Power to sell, construct, develop, exchange, let, agist, manage, mortgage, licence or otherwise deal with or concur in dealing with any assets which or the proceeds of sale of which or any interest in which may be comprised in the Trust Fund and to pay rent, rates, taxes, expenses and outgoings on, and to expend moneys on the maintenance, repair, improvement, alteration and insurance of any such asset in such manner as the Trustee shall think fit

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- (g) Power to invest or apply the Trust Fund in the purchase or by way of contribution to the purchase of or at interest upon the security of such stocks funds shares securities or other investments or property of whatsoever nature and wheresoever situate and whether involving liability or not and whether producing income or not or upon such personal credit with or without security and whether or not subject to payment of interest as the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion think fit including (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) in effecting maintaining, exchanging, converting, surrendering or otherwise dealing with any policy or policies of insurance or assurance whatsoever to the intent that the Trustee shall have the same full and unrestricted powers of investing and transposing investments and laying out money in all respects as if it was absolutely entitled thereto beneficially together with power to invest the moneys of the Trust not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments securities or policies as the Trustee shall determine.
- (h) Power to permit any moneys, bonds, certificates or other securities for money (whether in the case of such securities they are to bearer or transferable by delivery only) or documents of title to property real or personal for the time being subject to the trusts hereof, to be and remain deposited with any bank, finance company, trust, company or other institution and to permit any investments securities or other real or personal property which or any share or interest wherein shall be for the time being subject to the trusts hereof to be and remain invested in the name of nominees in the name of the Trustee upon such terms as to remuneration and in all other respects as the Trustee shall in its absolute discretion think proper with power to permit any such banks, finance companies or other institutions or such nominees to manage the property so deposited or the property so invested.
- (i) Power to discharge any liabilities affecting leasehold or other property of a wasting or onerous nature.
- (j) Power either to vest any land which may be acquired for any of the purposes of this Deed (including its enjoyment in kind) in the Trustee upon trust for sale with power to postpone sale or to direct that such land be held by such person or persons and in such manner as the Trustee may think fit.
- (k) Power to occupy or use or permit to be occupied or used for the purposes of the trusts hereof the whole or any part of any property which is comprised in the Trust Fund and in the case of occupation or use otherwise than by the Trustee to permit such occupation for such

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period or periods and either free or in consideration of such rent or other payment and generally upon such terms and conditions and subject to such stipulations and provisions as the Trustee in its absolute discretion shall determine.

- (l) Power to insure against loss or damage by fire or from any other risk any property for the time being comprised in the Trust Fund to any amount and to pay the premiums for such insurance out of the income or capital of the Trust Fund or the property itself and any money received by the Trustees under such a policy shall be treated as if it were the proceeds of sale of the property insured.
- (m) Power to purchase or otherwise acquire and take over (so far as it may be lawful) all or any part of the property assets liabilities and engagements of any charitable company, institution, trust or body having objects similar to or including all or some one or more of the Charitable Objects.
- (n) Power to use the Trust Fund or any part thereof for the purposes of carrying on either alone or in partnership with any other person firm or company any business or trade of any nature. The Trustee shall not be under any liability in respect of any loss of capital or income of the Trust Fund arising out of the carrying on of any business as aforesaid except to the extent in this Deed provided.
- (o) Power to act as trustee and to undertake and execute any charitable trust which may lawfully be undertaken by the Trustee to further the Charitable Objects and to perform any services in connection with the Charitable Objects gratuitously or otherwise.
- (p) Power to borrow or raise moneys for the purpose of the Trust with or without security on such terms and in such manner as the Trustee shall think fit.
- (q) Power to make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills or exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- (r) Power to institute and defend proceedings at law or in equity and to proceed to the final determination thereof or compromise the same as the Trustee shall consider advisable.
- (s) Power to employ and remunerate any person or corporation, firm, society, association or other body as an officer, servant, employee or agent of the Trust to transact all or any business of whatever nature

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required to be done in pursuance of the trusts hereinbefore declared and contained including the day to day management of the affairs of the Trust and the receipt and payment of money and the Trustees shall not be responsible for the defaults or omissions of any such person or corporation, firm, society, association or other body occasioned by such employment.

- (t) Power as employers of staff to make all reasonable and necessary provision for their welfare or other benefits and for the payment of pensions and superannuation to or on behalf of employees and their wives, widows and other dependants.
- (u) Power from time to time to cause to be incorporated any company in such a manner that the same shall be established for exclusively Charitable Objects and purposes either general or particular and to pay or transfer to any such company all or any part or parts of or any asset comprised in the Trust Fund and in such event the receipt of such company shall be a full discharge to the Trustee.
- (v) Power from time to time to discharge any debt or debts of any company established pursuant to the last foregoing power or to undertake with any such company to discharge the same or to assume or undertake jointly or severally with any such company liability for any debt or debts thereof whether by way of guarantee indemnity or otherwise and generally upon such terms as to limit of liability, time of payment and otherwise as the Trustee in its absolute discretion thinks fit and to give security in respect thereof by mortgaging or charging in any manner the Trust Fund or any part or parts thereof or any asset comprised therein.
- (w) Power to enter into any arrangements with any Government or authority, (Federal, State, Territory, municipal, local or otherwise) or with any charitable company, institution, trust or body that may seem conducive to the Charitable Objects or any of them and to obtain from any such Government or authority, charitable company, institution, trust or body any rights, privileges and concessions which the Trustee may think it desirable to obtain; and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights,

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- (y) Power to do all such other things as shall further the attainment of the above objects or any of them and generally to provide or promote the provisions of facilities ancillary to or calculated to promote or fulfil the objects aforesaid and to carry out such ancillary purposes as shall further the charitable purposes of the trust.

Each of the said powers shall be independent and shall in nowise be limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any of the other powers specified in this Deed.

6. It shall be lawful for the Trustee at any time or times by deed or deeds (subject to the consent of the Organisations)
- (a) to vary or extend the provisions of this Deed and generally to declare new or further charitable trusts affecting the Trust Fund to further the Charitable Objects PROVIDED THAT no alteration shall be made which would cause the Trust to cease to be a charity according to the laws of the Northern Territory of Australia and PROVIDED FURTHER THAT the Trustee shall be expressly empowered to modify or vary the trusts and powers hereby declared if and insofar as the same way be required for the purpose of obtaining exemption for the income of the Trust Fund pursuant to sub-section 23(j)(ii) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936, as amended from time to time or of any Act repealing or replacing the same;
- (b) if at any time hereinafter it shall appear to the Trustee that either by reason of change in the law affecting the administration of charities or trusts or of changes in social or political conditions or by reason of any defect or omission in the provisions of this Deed or for the more effectual execution of the Charitable Objects, the Trustee should possess or be invested with any further or other administrative powers which the Trustee does not or may not possess it shall be lawful for the Trustee and the Organisations by deed or deeds to supplement or alter or amend the provisions of this Deed to such an extent (but to such an extent only) as may in their opinion be requisite for the purpose of conferring on the Trustee such further or other administrative powers PROVIDED THAT nothing in this Clause shall authorise or be deemed to authorise any departure from or modification of the trusts declared by Clause 3 hereof;
- (c) to terminate any of the trusts or to revoke or terminate all of the trusts of this Deed and to pay or apply the whole of the Trust Fund then remaining to or for the benefit of any Charitable Objects.

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7. The income and property of the Trust Fund shall be applied solely for the promotion of the Charitable Objects in accordance with the provisions of this Deed and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the shareholders of the Trustee provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officer, servant or shareholder of the Trustee in return for any services actually rendered to the Trustee or reasonable and proper rental for any premises leased to the Trustee.
8. If the Trust is wound up its assets shall be applied exclusively for public charitable purposes of providing money, property or benefits for the Charitable Objects herein defined or to funds, authorities or institutions which are charitable within the legal meaning of the word "charitable" and which have been approved by the Commissioner of Taxation for the purposes of any of the sub-paragraphs of Section 78(1)(a) of the Income Tax Assessment Act or any amendment or re-enactment thereof.
9. The Trustee shall be at full liberty to act through managers or to employ any contractor, manager, solicitor, accountant, clerk, workmen, employee, servant or agent to transact all or any business of whatever nature required to be done in these premises including the receipt and payment of money and the Trustee shall decide the remuneration to the allowed and paid all charges and expenses so incurred.
10. The Trustee shall be entitled to be reimbursed out of the Trust Fund or the income thereof all reasonable costs charges and expenses of or incidental to the administration of the Trust.
11. The Trustee shall cause true and proper accounts of the Trust Fund to be kept and cause such accounts to be audited annually by a qualified accountant from time to time appointed by the Trustee and shall furnish to such accountant such vouchers, consent and information as he may require.
12. This Trust is established under the laws of the Northern Territory of Australia and the rights of all parties and the construction and effect of the provisions hereof shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of and construed and regulated only according to the laws of the said Territory which subject as hereinafter provided shall be the forum for

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Settlor, the Trustee and the Organisations have signed sealed and delivered this Deed the day and year first above written.

SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED)
 by the said)
 BRUCE GEORGE DONALD)
 in the presence of:)

Bruce Donald
Kathryn Sherin
Director

The Common Seal of)
 Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment)
 Corporation Pty Ltd was hereunto)
 duly affixed in the presence of)



The Common Seal of)
 Central Land Council was)
 hereunto duly affixed in the)
 presence of:)



The Common Seal of)
 Central Australian Aboriginal)
 Congress Incorporated was)
 hereunto duly affixed in the)
 presence of:)



LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE

The Common Seal of)
 Tangentyere Council Incorporated)
 was hereunto duly affixed in)
 the presence of:)

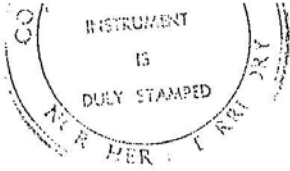


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DEED OF VARIATION OF TRUST

"CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CHARITABLE TRUST"

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NORTHERN TERRITORY	
Assessment	002944
Stamp Duty Paid	\$5.00
Late Lodgement Penalty	\$
Late Payment Penalty	\$
Initials	JP
Date	12/91

THIS DEED is made the 15 day of December 1990

BY: CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT
CORPORATION PTY LTD of 75 Hartley Street,
Alice Springs in the Northern Territory
of Australia (hereinafter called "the
Trustee").

W H E R E A S:

- A. By a Deed (hereinafter called "the said Deed")
dated 6th day of March 1986 and made between BRUCE
GEORGE DONALD and the Trustee the charitable trust
known as "CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CHARITABLE
TRUST" was created.
- B. The Trustee was appointed as trustee of "CENTRAL
AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CHARITABLE TRUST".
- C. The Trustee wishes to amend the terms of the said
Deed pursuant to the amendment power contained in
Clause 6 of the said Deed.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that the Trustee in exercise of the
powers set forth in Clause 6 of the said Deed HEREBY VARIES
the said Deed:-

- 1. By adding the following clauses immediately after
Clause 12 of the said Deed:-
"13. The Trustee shall be entitled to be
indemnified out of the assets for the time
being comprising the Trust Fund against

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or attempted execution or as a consequence of the failure to exercise any of the trusts authorities powers and discretions hereof or by virtue of being the Trustee hereof.

14. No mortgage charge or other security given or created by the Trustee to or in favour of any person or corporation over or in respect of the Trust Fund or any part thereof shall be invalid by reason of any error or omission whether of law or fact on the part of the Trustee of its legal or other advisors or by reason of any breach of duty or trust whatsoever unless it shall be proved to have been committed made or omitted in personal conscious fraudulent bad faith by the Trustee and all persons claiming any beneficial interest in over or to the Trust Fund shall be deemed to have had notice of the provisions of this clause.
15. No person dealing with the Trustee shall be concerned to enquire as to the adequacy of the powers of the Trustee in relation to such dealing or as to the proper exercise by the Trustee of any of the powers authorities and

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affecting the Trust Fund or any of the assets thereof or to see to the application of any moneys paid to the Trustee or paid as directed by the Trustee and in the absence of fraud on the part of any such person dealing with the Trust such dealings shall be deemed so far as regards the safety and protection of such person to be within the powers of the Trustee and to be valid and effectual accordingly and the receipt of the Trustee or any person or body corporate directed to be paid by the Trustee of any moneys shall effectually discharge any such person dealing with the Trustee from all liability in respect thereof. In this clause the expression "the Trustee" shall also include any person to whom the powers, authorities and discretions or any of them of the Trustee shall have been delegated from time to time."

IN WITNESS whereof the party hereto has hereunto set its seal the day and year first hereinbefore written.

THE COMMON SEAL of)
CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL)
INVESTMENT CORPORATION PTY LTD)
 was hereunto affixed)
 in the presence of:)



Ben Clive Director

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The following bodies being defined as "the Organisations" in the said Deed HEREBY CONSENT to the within amendments:-

THE COMMON SEAL of)
CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL)
 was hereunto duly affixed)
 in the presence of:-)



Dave Long.....Director

Marc Stuart.....**SANDY** Director/Secretary

THE COMMON SEAL of)
CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL)
CONGRESS INCORPORATED)
 was hereunto duly affixed)
 in the presence of:-)



Albert.....Director

Sam Phillips.....Director/Secretary

THE COMMON SEAL of)
TANGENTYERE COUNCIL)
INCORPORATED)
 was hereunto duly affixed)
 in the presence of:-)



Joseph MANTAKURB.....Director

Elv Ruben.....Director/Secretary

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THIS DEED OF VARIATION OF TRUST is made the 31st day of May 2006

PARTIES:

1. CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION PTY LTD (ACN 009 626 091) of 75 Hartley Street, Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia (the Trustee)
 2. CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL incorporated under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 of 75 Hartley Street, Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia and CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CONGRESS INCORPORATED of 78 Hartley Street, Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia and TANGENTYERE COUNCIL INCORPORATED of 4 Elder Street, Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia (together the Organisations)
- 19/07/06
 4664 10434001 DD duty \$5.00
 pursuant to instrument stamped-
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RECITALS

- A. The Trustee is the duly constituted Trustee of a settlement made on the 6th day of March 1986 between BRUCE GEORGE DONALD as Settlor and CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION LTD of 75 Hartley Street Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia as the Trustee of a charitable fund known as THE CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CHARITABLE TRUST.
- B. The Trustee is desirous of amending the Deed of Trust in the manner set out in clause 3 of this Deed.
- C. Clause 6 (a) and 6 (b) of the Deed of Trust states:
 - "6. (a) to vary or extend the provisions of this Deed and generally to declare new or further charitable trusts affecting the Trust Fund to further the Charitable Objects PROVIDED THAT no alteration shall be made which would cause the Trust to cease to be a charity according to the laws of the Northern Territory of Australia and PROVIDED FURTHER THAT the Trustee shall be expressly empowered to modify or vary the trusts and powers hereby declared if and insofar as the same way be required for the purpose of obtaining exemption for the income of the Trust Fund pursuant to sub-section 23 (j) (ii) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936, as amended from time to time or of any Act repealing or replacing the same;
 6. (b) if at any time hereinafter it shall appear to the Trustee that either by reason of change in the law affecting the administration of charities or trusts or of changes in social or political conditions or by reason of any defect or omission in the provisions of this Deed or for the more effectual execution of the Charitable Objects, the Trustee should process or be invested with any further or other administrative powers which the Trustee does not or may not possess it shall be lawful for the Trustee and the Organisations by deed or deeds to supplement or alter or amend the provisions of this Deed to such an extent (but to such an extent only) as may in their opinion be requisite for the purpose of conferring on the Trustee such further or other administrative powers PROVIDED THAT nothing in this Clause shall authorise or be deemed

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to authorise any departure from or modification of the trusts declared
by Clause 3 hereof;

- D. The Trustee is desirous of exercising its powers referred to in Recital C to give effect to the proposal referred to in Recital B.
- E. The Organisations have consented to such variation and have agreed to join in this Deed to confirm their consent.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

ACCURACY OF RECITALS

- 1. The above recitals are true and correct in every material particular and are deemed to form part of this Deed.

INTERPRETATION

- 2. In this Deed the following expressions have the meanings assigned to them respectively unless those meanings are repugnant to the context or subject matter:
 - 2.1 "Organisations" means the said Central Land Council, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Incorporated and Tangentyere Council Incorporated together and the expression extends to and includes their respective successors and permitted assigns;
 - 2.2 "Shareholders" means a body corporate registered in the Trustees register of members as the holder of shares in the Trustee and includes the Organisations and each of them;
 - 2.3 "the Trust" means the trust settlement referred to in Recital A: and the expression extends to and includes all amendments and variation thereof from time to time;
 - 2.4 "the Trust Deed" means the Deed of Trust relating to the Trust: and the expression extends to and includes all supplemental deeds relating thereto executed or brought into existence before the date hereof;
 - 2.5 "the Trustee" means the said CENTRECORP ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION PTY LTD (ACN 009 626 091) and the expression extends to and includes its respective successors and permitted assigns in respect of the Trust;
 - 2.6 In this Deed:
 - 2.6.1 unless the context otherwise requires the definitions contained in the provisions of the Trust Deed shall apply as though they had been set forth in full herein;

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- 2.6.2 words in the singular number include the plural and words in the plural number include words in the singular and words of one gender denote the gender appropriate to the context of the subject matter;
- 2.6.3 the headings and sub-headings are for convenience and reference purposes only and are not intended to affect the interpretation of this Deed;
- 2.6.4 each provision shall be construed and shall take effect in accordance with the laws of the Northern Territory of Australia and the respective rights, liabilities and obligations of the parties shall be governed by the laws of the Northern Territory of Australia;
- 2.6.5 each term and provision shall be construed and shall take effect independently of each other term and provision and no term or provision found by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be void voidable or unenforceable shall affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision.

VARIATION OF TRUST DEED

- 3. In exercise of the power to vary the Trust as expressed in recital C and all other enabling powers the Trustee hereby varies the Trust Deed in the following manner: that is to say:
 - 3.1 by deleting in its entirety clause 7 of the Trust Deed and
 - 3.2 substituting therefore the following provision: namely:

"7. The income and property of the Trust Fund shall be applied solely for the promotion of the Charitable Objects in accordance with the provisions of this Deed.
 - 3.3 By adding the following additional provision; namely

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS - EXCLUDED CLASS OF MEMBERS

Notwithstanding anything declared or implied in the Deed of Trust:

- (a) the Trust Fund and the income thereof shall henceforth be possessed and enjoyed to the entire exclusion of every member of the excluded class and of any benefit to any member of that class whether by contract or otherwise;
- (b) no part of the capital or income of the Trust Fund shall be paid or lent to or applied whether by way of remuneration or otherwise howsoever for the benefit either directly or indirectly of any member of the excluded class in any manner or any circumstance whatsoever;
- (c) no power conferred upon the Trustees by this Deed or by virtue of anything done pursuant to this Deed or by law shall be capable of being exercised and no provision herein contained shall operate in such manner that any member of the excluded class will or may

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become entitled either directly or indirectly to any benefit in any manner or in any circumstances whatsoever.

IN this Additional Provision the "excluded class" means and includes:

- (a) the Organisations;
- (b) the Shareholders;
- (c) any notional shareholder of the trustee;
- (d) any person claiming under or in right of the Organisations or the Shareholders or of any notional shareholder of The trustee;

PROVIDED FURTHER that the Trustee may at any time and from time to time declare in writing that any person shall be a member of the excluded class notwithstanding that he or she might but for such declaration benefit from the Trust and the excluded class shall as and from the date of making such declaration be modified accordingly.

REST OF TRUST DEED UNALTERED

4. Subject only to the variations herein contained and such other alterations as may be necessary (if any) to make the Trust Deed consistent with this Deed the Trust Deed remains in full force and effect and will be read and construed as if the terms of this Deed were inserted therein by way of addition or substitution (as the case may be).

COSTS

5. All costs of and incidental to the giving of instructions for and the preparation, execution and stamping of this Deed shall be borne by the Trustee in its capacity as Trustee of the Trust.

6. **EFFECTIVE DATE OF DEED**

The Trust Deed is varied and this Deed becomes effective on the last day this Deed is executed by all parties being the date of this Deed.

IN WITNESS this Deed has been executed on the date first written.


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EXECUTED by CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL
in accordance with the requirements of its
constituent legislation in the presence of:

) William Brown
)
)
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EXECUTED by CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN
ABORIGINAL CONGRESS INCORPORATED
in accordance with the requirements of its
constituent documents in the presence of:

) Raymond
)
)
)


EXECUTED by TANGENTYERE COUNCIL
INCORPORATED
in accordance with the requirements of its
constituent documents in the presence of:

) Philip Miller
)
)
)


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Output Group: 1.1

Question No: 032

Topic: Cape York Funding

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How much funding has been provided by the department or any of its agencies to the following organisations for the financial years 2005/6, 2006/7 and 2007/8:

- Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation Pty Ltd;
- Cape York Land Council;
- Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership;
- Indigenous Enterprise Partnerships;
- Cape York Partnerships Pty Ltd;
- Cape York Corporation Pty Ltd;
- Cape York Financial Management Services Pty Ltd;
- Cape York Indigenous Environment Foundation;
- Cape York Aboriginal Charitable Trust.

Answer:

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has provided funding to the organisations for the financial years 2005/6, 2006/7 and 2007/8 shown in the attached tables.

Note for 2005-06 financial year, many Indigenous programmes were administered by Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) prior to the Machinery of Government (MOG) changes to FaHCSIA on 26 January 2006.

Notes have been added to the project description fields to show funding administered by Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) when it was part of the Employment and Workplace Relations portfolio prior to the transfer of IBA to the FaHCSIA portfolio under MOG changes in November 2007.

A note has been added to the project description field to show funding administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR) in 2005-06, when DEWR was responsible for the Community Development Employments Projects (CDEP) programme.

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Balkanu Cape York Development Corp Pty Ltd

2005/2006

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Governance & Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving Balkanu Governance and Administration. 	\$761,000
Industry Development Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Industry Development Manager. 	\$165,000
Cape York Digital Network (CYDN) Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Final Completion CYDN Marketing. 	\$22,000
Mossman Gorge Tourism Development Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mossman Gorge Tourism Development Project. 	\$154,560
Cape York Digital Network (CYDN) – Operational Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational funding for CYDN 2005/06 and 2006/07. ▪ Continuation of Operations in 2005-06 & 2006-07 	\$1,175,000
Cape York Mobile Business Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide mobile Business Hub staff for clients in the less populated areas of Cape York. ▪ Funded by IBA (IBA now part of FaHCSIA portfolio, IBA in DEWR portfolio at time of funding) 	\$178,440
NPA Business Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To establish and operate a Business Hub in the Northern Peninsula Area of Queensland. ▪ Funded by IBA (IBA now part of FaHCSIA portfolio, IBA in DEWR portfolio at time of funding) 	\$123,885
Weipa Business Hub Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To employ an additional staff member in the Weipa Business Hub. ▪ Funded by IBA (IBA now part of FaHCSIA portfolio, IBA in DEWR portfolio at time of funding) 	\$94,643

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2006/2007

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Core Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for core operational costs. 	\$1,000,000
Cape York Business Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for three positions in Cairns CYBD office (Business Unit Manager, Deputy Manager & Business Unit Assistant) and operational costs. 	\$248,000
Cape York Business Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Balkanu Cape York Business Hubs project aims to provide ongoing business support, mentoring and advice to Indigenous people in remote parts of Cape. ▪ Funded by IBA (IBA now part of FaHCSIA portfolio, IBA in DEWR portfolio at time of funding) 	\$127,760

2007/2008

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Organisational Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding to carry out an organisational review 	\$45,495
Core Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for core operational costs. 	\$1,000,000
Cape York Digital Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote economic, social and employment development in Cape York through the establishment of information & technology centres. 	\$540,000

Cape York Land Council

2005/2006

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Native Title Representative Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Native Title Representative Services. 	\$3,096,381

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2006/2007

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Native Title Representative Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide professional services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to pursue the recognition and protection of Native Title. 	\$4,063,579

2007/2008

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Native Title Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding to perform all the functions of a recognised Native Title Representative Body and provide professional services to Aboriginal peoples to pursue the recognition and protection of Native Title. 	\$4,183,426

Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership / Griffith University

2005/2006

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Welfare reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welfare Reform Planning & Implementation 	\$1m

2006/2007

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Flight Path 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empower a group of high-potential Cape York youth to broaden their vision for personal achievement & social change by recognising formal study. 	\$78,951
Welfare Reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welfare Reform Planning & Implementation. 	\$1.87m
Cape York Leadership Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To increase the pool of local leadership and provide a pathway for young people to develop their capacity to become leaders of the future. The Cape York Leadership Academy will host up to 20 participants. <p>12 Month Pilot</p>	\$341,000

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2007/2008

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Welfare reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welfare Reform Planning & Implementation 	\$130,000
School Attendance Case Management Framework - Welfare Reform Trials in Cape York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roll out a Case Management Framework for student attendance in the four Cape York Welfare Reform trial sites of Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge. 	\$529,000
Welfare Reform Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implement the Welfare Reform Trials in the 4 Cape York communities of Hope Vale, Aurukun, Coen and Mossman Gorge. 	\$437,000

Indigenous Enterprise Partnerships

2005/2006

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Operational Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational Funding. 	\$203,000

2006/2007

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Operational Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational Funding. 	\$360,000

2007/2008

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Operational Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational Funding. 	\$240,000

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Cape York Partnerships Pty Ltd

2005/2006

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
100 Day Agenda Secretariat and Leaders Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding for Agenda Secretariat to coordinate and manage 100 Day Process and Cape York Leaders Group. 	\$183,120
Interim Operational Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interim operational funding for period 1 July 2005 to 1 January 2006. 	\$219,120
Operational Funding -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational funding for period 2 January 2006 to 30 June 2006. 	\$219,120
Coen Computer Culture Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coen Computer Culture Project. 	\$537,224
Mossman Gorge Tourism Development Project.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mossman Gorge Project 	\$55,000

2006/2007

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Core Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core operational funding 	\$399,308
FIM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide Family Income Management services. 	\$1,653,000
Pride of Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support Pride of Place initiative. 	\$30,000

2007/2008

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Organisational Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Funding to carry out an organisational review 	\$52,522
Core Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core operational funding. 	\$450,000
FIM/IFPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide Family Income Management services 	\$1,933,000

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Indigenous Family Payment Outcomes ▪ Coordinator to support Pride of Place and Home Ownership Initiative. 	
Reimbursement for travel allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reimbursement for travel allowance – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group. 	\$8,859.30

Cape York Corporation Pty Ltd

2005/2006

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
CDEP	CDEP management fees, activities fees and wages (funded by DEWR as portfolio responsible for CDEP)	\$1,858,164

2006/2007

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil		

2007/2008

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil		

Cape York Financial Management Services Pty Ltd

2005/2006

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 	

2006/2007

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Management Advisor – Gungarde	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Financial Management Service - Gungarde Community Centre. 	\$68,490
Professional Services for Gungarde Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Professional Services for Gungarde Community. 	\$47,625
Agngnarra Management Advisory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agngnarra Management Advisory Appointment 	\$51,000

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Appointment		
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2007/2008

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil	▪	

Cape York Indigenous Environment Foundation

2005/2006

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil	▪	

2006/2007

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil	▪	

2007/2008

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil	▪	

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Cape York Aboriginal Charitable Trust

2005/2006

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil	▪	

2006/2007

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil	▪	

2007/2008

Project	Project Description	Funded Amount (GST Exc)
Nil	▪	

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Question No: 033

Topic: NTER

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What did the volunteer component of the NT Emergency Response cost? Please include costs associated with advertisements, travel, police and medical checks, and cultural awareness training.

Answer:

Activities to screen and train volunteers for the Northern Territory Emergency Response in the 2007-08 financial year were managed by Indigenous Community Volunteers, trading as Northern Territory Taskforce Volunteers. These activities cost \$147,065.20.

The bulk of the funding was spent on employing staff to undertake initial background checks of the volunteers and on training courses for volunteers. Police checks were undertaken by the Northern Territory Police at Northern Territory Taskforce Volunteers' request. The Northern Territory Police did not charge the Northern Territory Taskforce Volunteers for the police checks. Following the training courses, Northern Territory Taskforce Volunteers provided a list of volunteers deemed suitable for deployment into communities to the Northern Territory Emergency Response Operations Centre.

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Question No: 035

Topic: Pornographic Material

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Can you provide details about what progress is being made with the auditing and compliance measures underway regarding the possession of pornographic material in these communities?

Answer:

The first audit of publicly funded computers in the Northern Territory took place on 2 June 2008. Organisations with publicly funded computers were required to complete the audit or provide a declaration that the computers referred to are not ordinarily situated within a prescribed area of the Northern Territory Emergency Response.

Follow up then occurred with organisations that did not respond at all, or had only partially complied.

As at 30 October 2008, 160 responses had been received from the 260 canvassed organisations (61 per cent). Of these, 96 organisations declared they do not have a publicly funded computer in a prescribed area and 64 organisations returned audit reports in respect of 421 computers.

The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) has finalised its examination of the audit data. It is anticipated that its formal report will be received in the very near future. At this stage the ACC has advised that five organisations may warrant further investigation.

The second audit is scheduled for 1 December 2008.

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Question No: 037

Topic: NTER Review

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Turning to the NTER Review Board's report released on Monday 13th October and the speculation that the Minister's office or the Department ordered or suggested that the Board re-write its draft report to make the review less negative can I ask:

- Did any member of the Minister's office read the draft report?
- Was the Department in contact at all with the Review Board during the term of its review and if so how frequent was that interaction?
- What support did the Department provide to the Review Board?
- Was it merely administrative or was it required to provide research and advice?

Answer:

The Review Board signed off on the text of the report on 30 September 2008. The published report was delivered to the Minister's Office on 13 October 2008.

The Department provided general Secretariat support to the Board. This included organising meetings with stakeholders and associated minute taking, coordinating community visits, attending and recording meetings, arranging travel, accommodation and other logistical support. The Secretariat provided administrative support to the Review Board, and limited research support through locating, obtaining and providing information at the request of the Board. Together with contracted experts, the Secretariat also provided assistance with drafting report content in line with instructions from the Board. Departmental staff were therefore in daily contact with the Board throughout the Review. The content of the report was solely determined by the Board.

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Question No: 038

Topic: NTER Review

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Was the Minister's office in contact with the relevant section of the Department that was providing this support to the Review Board?

- Did any member of the Minister's office give any instructions or suggestions to any section of the Department about re-writing the Review Board's draft report?

Answer:

During the course of the Review the Minister's office was in contact with the Review Secretariat to confirm membership of the Expert Reference Group, to arrange meetings for the Minister and to discuss receipt of the final Report. The Minister met with the Review Board on 17 June and 27 August 2008

There were no suggestions or instructions regarding re-writing drafts of the Review Board's reports from Ministerial officers. The Report was solely the report of the Review Board and the Board has publicly stated this position.

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Question No: 039

Topic: NTER Review

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

What was the cost of establishing the Review Board?

- How much did the review Board spend on accommodation and travel during its inquiry?
- How much was each member of the Review board paid to conduct this review?

Answer:

The total cost for establishing the Review Board (as at 12 November 2008) was \$2.674m.

The Board's total travel and accommodation costs was \$300 000.

Board members were engaged under a contract for service. The total cost of each contract is as follows (as at 12 November 2008):

- Peter Yu (Chair) \$275 000
- Marcia Ella Duncan \$183 000
- Bill Gray \$182 000

See also response to Question 220.

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Question No: 042

Topic: NTER *One Year On* publication

Hansard Page: CA7/24

Senator Siewert asked:

Where was it distributed?

Answer:

The NTER *One Year On* publication was distributed to:

- Federal parliamentarians
- Northern Territory (NT) Government agencies
- NT shire councils
- Indigenous communities and other Indigenous organisations in the NT
- Peak bodies in the NT (e.g. the Local Government Association of the NT)
- Indigenous Coordination Centres in the NT
- Government Business Managers.

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Question No: 044

Topic: Indigenous Expenditure

Hansard Page: CA11 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

As indicated in the Commonwealth Indigenous-specific expenditure 1968–2008 library paper, the bottom line message is that there has been no real growth in Indigenous expenditure since the early 1990s. Could you please tell me that this is not true?

Answer:

The Parliamentary Library Background Note *Commonwealth Indigenous-specific expenditure 1968-2006*, covered Indigenous-specific expenditure, defined as expenditure through programs or program components specifically addressing Indigenous issues or needs. It did not consider access by Indigenous people to mainstream government services and programs. Mainstream programs, including social and health-related services and payments to the states and territories, are all relevant to meeting the needs of Indigenous Australians. The Background Note identified a rising trend in Commonwealth Indigenous-specific expenditure from the mid 1980s onwards. It found that this rising trend was consistent when expressed in nominal or real terms as a percentage of total Commonwealth expenditure.

The Background Note also reported that expenditure had stabilised at around one-third of one percentage point of GDP, and that this could be explained by the economy growing at a faster rate than total government expenditure.

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Question No: 220

Topic: NTER Review

Hansard Page: CA8 24/10

Senator Siewert asked

Can you provide a breakdown of the expenditure of the \$2.7 million?

Answer:

The information (as at 12 November 2008) is:

Review Board Contracts	\$640,000
Board Commissioned Research	\$244,000
Support Services for the Board	\$247,000
Expert Group Remuneration	\$18,000
Departmental Staff Salaries	\$668,000
Travel/Accommodation*	\$513,000
Administrative Costs	\$344,000
Total:	\$2.674m

* Includes Review Board, Secretariat, Contractors and Expert Group Members.

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Question No: 034

Topic: Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) Policing

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Can you provide your most recent figures on the numbers of new police in these communities?

What increase in new police numbers has there been since late last year?

Answer:

At 31 October 2008 there were 51 additional police officers in communities since the commencement of the Northern Territory Emergency Response. These police are all located in Taskforce Themis police stations. This is an increase of four police officers since late last year.

(Task Force Themis is the Northern Territory Police component of the NT Government response to the NTER.)

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Question No: 036

Topic: NTER Budgets

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Are there any particular measures within NTER commitment that have had their budgets cut or altered or had their staff levels scaled back?

Answer:

Funding for all NTER measures (except for the Housing and Land Reform measure) has been continued in 2008-09.

Activities under the previous FaHCSIA Housing and Land Reform measure were not funded in the 2008-09 Budget because they have either been completed (e.g. cadastral surveys, community clean-ups) or will be funded through a special appropriation under the NTER (e.g. land valuation and just compensation for lease arrangements).

Funding in 2008-09 excludes costs for infrastructure such as temporary accommodation and other set up costs. Funding for these costs were provided in 2007-08 to ensure the successful implementation of the NTER in the FaHCSIA Leadership and Coordination and Government Business Managers measures.

Staffing on continuing measures has not been cut back and has, where necessary to achieve outcomes, been increased.

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Question No: 040

Topic: NTER Employment and Welfare Reform Expenditure at 30 June 2008

Hansard Page: CA5 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Rather than going through a whole list of figures now, can you provide on notice what that expenditure was broken down into for those agencies?

Answer:

Table 1 provides a breakdown of expenditure for 2007-08 for the employment and welfare reform measure by Agency.

Table 1

Employment and Welfare Reform Measure Expenditure @ 30 June 2008		\$m Exp
DEEWR	Department	56
	Centrelink	5
HUMAN SERVICES	Department	4
	Centrelink	13
FaHCSIA (including Indigenous Business Australia & Centrelink)	Department	7
	Centrelink	51
	IBA	29
Total		164

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Question No: 041

Topic: NTER – Housing and Land Reform Expenditure at 30 June 2008

Hansard Page: CA5 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Can you break down the housing and land reform? How much was spent on housing and how much was spent on land reform?

Answer:

Expenditure for the NTER Housing and Land Reform measure was \$31.35 million as at 30 June 2008, as follows:

- \$3.10 million for Cadastral Surveys to define the lease boundaries for the 64 communities subject to five-year leases acquired under section 31 of the *Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act 2007* (NTNER);
- \$23.11 million for Tasks of Opportunity (TOO) projects initiated under the NTNER as a way of identifying and responding to urgent infrastructure projects in prescribed communities. Projects were identified by either the Army survey or Government Business Managers;
- \$3.18 million for Community Clean Up projects were targeted at making rapid and immediate improvements to the safety and utility of houses and community buildings (the remainder of Community Clean Up costs were funded from existing appropriations); and
- \$1.96 million for other remote projects for minor infrastructure such as oval upgrades, building repairs and other related activities.

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Question No: 045

Topic: NTER 2008-09 Budget

Hansard Page: CA12 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

On notice, could you give me the proposed expenditure as of now against each of the program items for 2008-09?

Answer:

The total Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) appropriation across all agencies for 2008-09 is \$460.4 million. This comprises \$272.9 million for administered items and \$187.5 million for departmental expenses. These allocations represent the proposed expenditure against these measures in 2008-09. Actual administered expenditure as at 30 September 2008 for all measures was \$82.3 million, which represents 30% of the administered budget.

Table 1 details the total 2008-09 NTER Appropriation for all agencies by funding measure. These funds are managed by individual agencies as part of their overall Departmental budget allocation.

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NTER CROSS AGENCY SUMMARY REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2008 \$m				
THEME	AGENCY	MEASURE	Total NTER Reportable Budget 2008/09 Administered plus Departmental \$m	
Coordination	FaHCSIA	Government Business Managers	36.5	81.2
	FaHCSIA	Leadership and Coordination Activities	33.4	
	FaHCSIA	Community Engagement	3.8	
	FaHCSIA	Remote Accommodation	7.3	
	Omb Off.	Commonwealth Ombudsman Support	0.2	
Enhancing Education	DEEWR	Enhancing Education	19.1	38.2
	DEEWR	School Nutrition	7.4	
	DEEWR	Greater Enrolment; + 200 Teachers	11.6	
Employment & Welfare Reform	FaHCSIA	Income Man't - FaHCSIA only	9.7	213.2
	DHS	Income Man't - Centrelink only	52.0	
	DEEWR	Further Welfare & Emp Reform (1)	65.9	
	DHS	Debit Card Set Up	3.6	
	DHS	Centrelink Services and Activities	6.1	
	FaHCSIA	NTER - Flexible Funding - Special Account	75.9	
Improving Health	DoHA	Follow Up Health Care	13.6	59.1
	DoHA	Improve Child and Family Health	45.5	
Promoting Law & Order	ACC	Violence & Child Abuse Taskforce	4.2	45.4
	AGD	Indigenous Legal Aid	2.0	
	AGD	Aboriginal Interpreter service	0.8	
	AGD	Night Patrol services	17.7	
	AGD (AFP)	Promoting Law & Order (AFP)	9.2	
	FaHCSIA	Promoting Law & Order	11.6	
Supporting Families	DEEWR	Creches	2.3	22.7
	FaHCSIA	Early Childhood Programs	0.4	
	FaHCSIA	Playgroups	0.7	
	FaHCSIA	Family Support Package	9.8	
	FaHCSIA	Youth Alcohol Diversion	9.5	
Total			459.9	459.9
(1) Plus Special Appropriation - part of DEEWR item shown above as \$65.9m (PBS value is \$66.4m)			0.453	
Total NTER Appropriation (Resourcing)			460.4	
The PBS (Fiscal Balance) value for the above is \$451.5m - the difference of \$8.9m. is depreciation				
Agency Acronyms				
ACC	Australian Crime Commission			
AGD	Auditor Generals Department			
AFP	Australian Federal Police			
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations			
DHS	Department of Human Services			
DoHA	Department of Health and Ageing			
FaHCSIA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs			
Omb Off	Ombudsman's Office			

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Question No: 046

Topic: SIHIP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Given current market conditions, is the Department confident of the Alliance's capacity to deliver the previously stated 750 new houses and 2500 housing upgrades?

Answer:

The full effects of the current fluctuations in market conditions on the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) are not yet known. The three SIHIP Alliance Partners are actively working towards meeting these targets and the Department is confident that the program will deliver value for money.

The targets for SIHIP will be reviewed through the operational stage of the program.

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Question No: 047

Topic: SIHIP – Construction of new houses

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Taking into consideration the current financial climate, will the government need to review the estimated cost of each dwelling, previously stated at \$450,000 per house (including \$100,000 infrastructure)?

Answer:

The full effects of the current fluctuations in market conditions on the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) are not yet known. The three SIHIP Alliance Partners are actively working towards meeting this target and the Department is confident that the program will deliver value for money.

The targets for SIHIP will be reviewed through the operational stage of the program.

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Question No: 048

Topic: SIHIP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

What is the Alliance's estimated cost of building each new house?

- What was the difference between Alliance partners in terms of construction costs?

Answer:

The Alliance's estimated cost of building each new house under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) is not yet known. At this stage the cost target set for SIHIP is \$450,000 per new house. The cost of building each new house will be estimated by Alliance Partners following detailed planning for each package of work. Each Alliance Partner will provide a Package Development Report (PDR), detailing the expected full cost of delivery of the first package allocated to them. The first three PDRs are to be submitted by February/March 2009.

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Question No: 049

Topic: SIHIP

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Can the Department please advise on the type of housing the Alliance will construct?

- How many bedrooms is it intended each new house will contain?

Answer:

The design of houses and materials used in construction will vary in order to address climatic conditions and the needs and requirements of each community. The Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program will encourage innovation in the design of new houses and deliver value for money without compromising building standards or a focus on housing that promotes better health and social outcomes.

- The number of bedrooms in each house will vary but it is likely that a high proportion of houses will have three bedrooms.

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Question No: 050

Topic: SIHIP - Employment

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

If the supply of employees is not great enough, how will the Department and the Alliance work towards encouraging additional workers?

- Will local employees be paid at the same rate as non-local employees?

Answer:

To encourage and support the involvement of local Indigenous workers the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and the Northern Territory Department of Education and Training will work with community members to provide early job-readiness programs. The number and capability of local workers will be determined in collaboration with the Alliance Partners. The Alliance Partners will also actively engage with each community prior to commencing construction to determine the further training needs of local employees. The number and capability of local Indigenous workers will be different in each community.

- Local employees will be paid award rates in the same way as non-local employees.

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Question No: 051

Topic: Indigenous Housing in Maningrida

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Has the Community Clean Up Programme operated in Maningrida?

- If so, how many houses were surveyed?

Answer:

Yes.

The Community Clean Up Program surveyed 154 houses in the community of Maningrida. All approved “make safe” and minor vital works that formed the basis for the Program were completed in the surveyed houses by 20 June 2008.

Further work is required on these houses to improve the standard of housing to a reasonable level. This work will be delivered under the Northern Territory Government repairs and maintenance program or under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program in the future.

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Question No: 052

Topic: Maningrida

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Please provide the committee with a brief description of current living conditions in Maningrida?

Answer:

In Maningrida there are 154 community houses. The majority of houses do not meet all the standards set out in the National Indigenous Housing Guide for the Design, Construction and Maintenance of Indigenous Housing. There are approximately 2700 permanent residents in Maningrida, giving an occupancy rate of 17.8 people per house and 5.9 people per bedroom.

The majority of the older houses are in poor condition and require major works to be brought up to an acceptable condition. Most of the newer houses require works to be carried out but do not require as extensive works as the older dwellings.

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Question No: 053

Topic: Indigenous Housing in Maningrida

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Have maintenance works started on properties surveyed and determined to be in need of such works?

- If not, when will works on the surveyed properties be completed?

Answer:

See answer to Question 51.

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Question No: 054

Topic: Maningrida

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Are there currently any contractors operating in Maningrida tasked with repairing damaged houses in the community?

- How many?
- How many houses have been repaired?
- How many local persons' houses have been repaired?

Answer:

There are two West Arnhem Shire Council employees and five contracted tradespersons undertaking repairs and maintenance to community houses in Maningrida under the Northern Territory Government's Repair and Maintenance Program.

The Northern Territory Government have advised that since 1 July 2008 repairs and maintenance has been undertaken on 162 houses, all of which are "local person's houses".

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.... Question No: 056

Topic: \$25m Housing Deal with APY

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

How many new houses will be built with the \$25 million?

- How many upgrades and repair jobs will be carried out as a result of the \$25 million?

Answer:

From preliminary information provided by the SA Department of Families and Communities, it is proposed that an approximate total of 48 new houses, 20 minor housing upgrades and 30 major housing upgrades could be delivered through the project proposal. This will not be confirmed however until further work is done on the design of housing and the capacity of the market to meet estimated costs has been tested.

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.... Question No: 057

Topic: \$25m Housing Deal with APY

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

What is the estimated cost of a constructing a new house on APY lands?

- What are the estimated additional infrastructure costs?

Answer:

To ensure new housing meets existing occupancy requirements it is proposed that a range of different house types, ranging from 1 bedroom to 4 bedrooms, could be delivered through the project proposal. The estimated construction cost is expected to range from approximately \$220,000 to \$370,000 for 1 and 4 bedroom housing respectively.

The provision of serviced blocks of land will be required for most of the new housing, at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000. This will not be confirmed however until further work is done on the scoping of works and the capacity of the market to meet estimated costs has been tested.

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Question No: 058

Topic: \$25m Housing Deal with APY

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

What assurances does the Government have that rent will be paid on time?

- Have penalties for tardy rent payments been established?
- If so, what are they?

Answer:

The SA Department of Families and Communities is currently developing a policy framework that will be used to underpin the new public housing-type arrangements, which will be introduced as part of the proposed housing package. The specific details of this framework including the rental polices are not yet available.

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Question No: 059

Topic: \$25m Housing Deal with APY

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

When is it expected that the first house will be completed?

Answer:

From preliminary work undertaken on a proposed scheduled of works, a tender process could be arranged in early 2009 and if so the first stage of new builds would be completed in the first half of 2010. The procurement process is subject however to the outcome of discussions with the South Australian Government to take the process forward.

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Question No: 060

Topic: \$25m Housing Deal with APY

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Who will be responsible for the construction of the new houses?

- Will the Anangu people be involved with the construction and repairs process?
- What is the desired target number of Anangu people working on the project?

Answer:

The method of capital procurement to deliver the \$25 million in capital works to the APY Lands is under discussion with the SA Government.

Involvement of Anangu people in the construction and repairs process will be an essential part of these capital projects. The numbers of Anangu people who might be employed in the construction and related processes has not yet been finalised, but will be included in relevant contractual arrangements.

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Question No: 061

Topic: Housing in QLD

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

How many of the 2000 households in “varying degrees of household stress” in Queensland as stated by Minister Macklin are in remote areas?

Answer:

The Department is unaware of Minister Macklin making this statement in any context.

Of the 1950 houses currently owned by Indigenous Community Housing Organisations, some 32.1 per cent are in remote areas of Queensland.

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Question No: 062

Topic: Housing in QLD

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

How many houses will receive upgrades through the \$60 million?

Answer:

The Commonwealth has provided one-off funding of \$60 million to the Queensland Government Department of Housing (DoH) to upgrade all eligible Indigenous Community Housing Organisations (ICHOs) housing assets to a public housing standard. This funding was provided on the basis that the Queensland Government take responsibility for tenancy management for ICHOs either under a public housing model or its equivalent.

This provides an opportunity for ICHOs to become part of the Queensland Government's One Social Housing System (OSHS), noting that any decision to participate in the OSHS is on a voluntary basis. This process involves ICHO's:

- becoming registered providers as part of the OSHS; or
- transferring their assets to the DoH or another registered provider; or
- amalgamating their interests with another participating organisation.

There are approximately 1950 ICHO houses which might be eligible for upgrades through the announced \$60 million. The final number of ICHO houses that receive upgrades will be dependant on the number of ICHO's that move to the Queensland Government OSHS.

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Question No: 063

Topic: Housing in QLD

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Will there be a focus on employing and training local indigenous people through the repairs and upgrade phase?

Answer:

Yes, the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and the Queensland Department of Housing are working together to maximise training and employment opportunities for local Indigenous people through the repairs and upgrade program.

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Question No: 064

Topic: Housing in QLD

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

What is the estimated cost of maintaining indigenous properties in Queensland likely to be?

Answer:

Once the current repairs and upgrade phase is complete, ongoing costs for maintaining Indigenous housing in Queensland are expected to be similar to the costs experienced by social housing cyclical maintenance programs.

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Question No: 065

Topic: Housing in QLD

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Will future maintenance costs be covered by the Commonwealth Government or the Queensland Government? What discussions have taken place with other state governments?

Answer:

The Queensland Government will assume responsibility for tenancy management including any future maintenance and repair programs.

Discussions with other states and territories on Indigenous housing are taking place under the current Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) process.

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Question No: 066

Topic: Youth Alcohol Diversionary services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What funding does the Youth Alcohol Diversionary currently receive?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Emergency Response Youth Alcohol Diversion Measure received \$9.5 million in 2008-09.

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Question No: 067

Topic: Youth Alcohol Diversionary services staffing levels

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How many staff positions does the YAD have and how many people are currently employed.

Answer:

In the 2007-08 financial year 98 projects were funded under the Northern Territory Emergency Response Youth Alcohol Diversion Measure. This included 48 infrastructure projects and 50 youth activity projects. No figures are available for staff employed for the construction projects. The Activity projects were awarded to contractors or funded non government organisations who were encouraged to employ local Indigenous young people wherever possible. It is estimated that 5 full time positions were created and 183 casual or short term project positions created. It is also estimated that 110 of these positions were taken up by Indigenous people.

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Question No: 069

Topic: Youth Alcohol Diversionary services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Why didn't the Alice Springs Town Camp Diversionary Project go ahead?

Answer:

Under the 2007-08 Youth Alcohol Diversion Measure funding was notionally allocated to a project for young people in the Alice Springs Town Camps.

In late 2007 the Gap Youth Centre closed, significantly affecting youth service capacity in Alice Springs. Other service providers in Alice Springs worked cooperatively with the Australian and Northern Territory Governments to make sure that services to young people in Alice Springs were maintained, however the sector was severely stretched. There was little additional capacity in the youth services sector in Alice Springs to develop and provide a new project for the town camps in the limited time available.

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Question No: 070

Topic: Youth Alcohol Diversionary services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

Where has the funding for the Alice Springs Town Camp Youth Diversionary Project been allocated?

Answer:

The funding that was notionally allocated to the Alice Springs Town Camps project was rolled into the flexible funding component of the 2007-08 Youth Alcohol Diversion Measure, and priority was given to projects in Central Australia.

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Question No: 071

Topic: Youth Alcohol Diversionary services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How many youth centres are being built and where are they to be built?

Answer:

Youth centre repairs or upgrades were conducted in Milingimbi, Ntaria, Papunya, Ali Carung, Gunbalanya, Borroloola, Ikunji, Walunguru and Alice Springs. The guidelines for the 2008-09 Youth Alcohol Diversion Measure allow for projects that address the infrastructure needs of youth service projects.

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Question No: 072

Topic: Youth Alcohol Diversionary services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What plans are there for existing youth centres currently shut due to maintenance issues or lack of funding?

Answer:

See response to Question no. 071. The Australian Government has a number of programs that can provide funding for the running, maintenance and repair of youth centres in Indigenous communities. Program funding is considered on a case by case basis following requests or submissions from individual communities.

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Question No: 073

Topic: Youth Alcohol Diversionary services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What money is available for upgrading existing youth centres?

Answer:

See responses to Questions 071 and 072.

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Question No: 074

Topic: Youth Alcohol Diversionary services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What programs and services do you have to target older/teenagers, particularly those at risk?

Answer:

In addition to the activities delivered under the Youth Alcohol Diversionary measure and the Petrol Sniffing Strategy, FaHCSIA also administers the Reconnect Program. This program has been designed specifically for 12 to 18 year olds who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Under this program service providers are funded to facilitate a range of services, including brokerage, counselling, mediation, education, training and employment.

FaHCSIA also funds the Australian Football League to deliver diversionary sporting activities in Indigenous communities for teenagers and young people to help combat substance abuse and to encourage healthy, active lifestyles.

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Question No: 075

Topic: Income Managed

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Can you provide your most recent figures regarding the number of indigenous people being income managed?

- How does this compare to the figure at the end of last year?

Answer:

As at 7 December 2007, income management had commenced in 10 communities with a total of 1,745 customers being income managed. Since that time the remaining 63 communities and their associated outstations and 10 town camp regions have commenced income management. As at 5 November 2008, there are 15,675 people being income managed in relevant NT areas.

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Question No: 076

Topic: Income Management

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

In how many indigenous communities, associated outstations and Town Camp Regions is income management being applied?

Answer:

As at 31 October 2008, income management has commenced in 73 communities, associated outstations and 10 town camp regions in the Northern Territory.

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Question No: 078

Topic: Services for Indigenous Australians

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

With regards to the Government's plan to reinstate the permit system is the Minister aware of an article in *The Australian* on 15th October and the case of Hermannsburg in the Northern Territory? Has the Minister's office or members of the Department been in contact with the people of Hermannsburg regarding their desire to be a permit free town?

Answer:

An article by Mr Paul Toohey, published on page 10 of *The Australian* on 15 October 2008, concerned the operation of the permit system in relation to the community of Hermannsburg. The Central Land Council issued a media release on the same day that explained that Hermannsburg had opened part of its town to visitors and retained the permit system to protect the privacy of its citizens in the rest of the community.

A consultation meeting was held in Hermannsburg in 2006 by the Department as part of the permit system review. As with all other communities consulted as part of that review, Hermannsburg residents wished to retain the permit system and continue existing arrangements whereby certain areas of the community did not require permits.

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Question No: 079

Topic: Services for Indigenous Australians

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Will the government be making provisions to allow communities like Hermannsburg and Papunya to be open towns?

Answer:

The *Aboriginal Land Act* (Northern Territory) has a mechanism under section 11 that provides for Aboriginal land, including communities such as Hermannsburg and Papunya, to be declared an open area or a road to be declared open. The mechanism allows for the Administrator of the Northern Territory, on the request of a Land Council, to declare a town open:

11. Open areas

- (1) The Administrator may, on the recommendation of a Land Council, declare by notice in the *Gazette*, an area of Aboriginal land or a road to be an open area or open road, as the case may be.
- (2) Where a declaration is made under subsection (1), a person may enter and remain on the area of Aboriginal land, or use the road, described in the notice without obtaining a permit.

In addition, subsection 5(8) of the *Aboriginal Land Act* (Northern Territory) allows for the temporary waiving of permit requirements:

5. Issue of Permits

- (8) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4, the Aboriginal Land Council for the area in which an area of Aboriginal land is situated or the traditional Aboriginal owners of an area of Aboriginal land may, by notice published in a newspaper or broadcast over a radio station, waive the requirement for a permit to enter the Aboriginal land or use a road bordered by that Aboriginal land specified by the Land Council or the traditional Aboriginal owners in the notice for the period or periods specified in that notice and the requirements of section 4 shall not apply over that area, or in respect of that road, for that period or those periods.

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Question No: 080

Topic: Services for Indigenous Australians

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

The Northern Territory Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour said in an article in The Australian on the 15th October that, "I know there were a number of communities in the Northern territory that were wanting to have the permit system lifted, and wanted Jenny Macklin to provide a clear process in which those communities could nominate to have an open town."

Has the Minister's office been in contact with the Deputy Chief Minister to discuss this issue?

Is the Minister's office aware of other communities in the Northern Territory that wish to remain permit free, open towns?

Answer:

See answer to Question 79.

Similar agreements to those in place at Hermannsburg as described in answer to Question 79, were in place at Yuendumu, Utopia and Ampilatwatja.

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Question No: 081

Topic: Services for Indigenous Australians

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Is the Minister's office currently developing an option for towns and communities like Hermannsburg to opt out of the permit system?

Answer:

See answer to Question 79.

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Question No: 082

Topic: Income Management

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

I note the Minister's Media Release, dated 21 July 2008, announcing that five Western Australian communities were to take part in income management under the Australian Government's national child initiative. In how many other communities does the Government plan to introduce income management and where are they located?

- What is the total number of people currently being managed?
- How does this figure compare with late last year?

Answer:

Income management for child neglect cases commenced in Kununurra and the Cannington district of Perth on 24 November 2008. The other communities listed in the Minister's Media Release were Oombulgurri, Warmun and Wyndham. Voluntary Income Management is now available in these communities, with income management for child neglect cases being implemented in the coming months.

The Government has stated that income management for child neglect is to be made available progressively in communities across the Kimberley, including Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing, Derby and Broome, as well as in the Cannington district of Perth.

As income management for child neglect cases and Voluntary Income Management only commenced on 24 November 2008, at time of writing (26 November 2008) there are currently no people being income managed in Western Australia under these initiatives and no data for earlier years is available.

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Question No: 083

Topic: Employment in Wadeye

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

How many people are expected to be constantly employed during the wet season in Wadeye?

Answer:

The community's tilt-up concrete slab factory in Wadeye expects to constantly employ 10 full-time staff during the 2008-09 wet season, including five sub-contractors (non-Indigenous), three Indigenous trainees and two management positions (non-Indigenous).

It is anticipated that the number of Indigenous trainees may increase over the coming months as construction work increases.

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Question No: 084

Topic: Employment in Wadeye

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

How many Indigenous trainees are there in total; how big is the pool of demand for this measure?

Answer:

There are three Indigenous trainees currently employed full-time at the community's Tilt-up Concrete Slab Factory in Wadeye.

It is expected that the demand for trainees may double over the coming months as the amount of construction work increases.

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Question No: 085

Topic: Employment in Wadeye

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

When the Minister is stating this measure would “build up a skilled labour force for future construction projects” – what is she actually indicating?

Answer:

The Australian Government will invest in significant construction projects (over the coming years) designed to improve services and the physical environment in the growing community of Wadeye. This investment will provide the opportunity to secure sustainable training and employment for local people. Construction contracts will require that the local labour force is developed and employed on projects.

Current construction projects include a gymnasium that will be an extension of the sport and recreation hall and an ablution block for the main sports oval. There are other construction projects coming on line in 2009 such as a new health centre, child care centre, teacher housing and a safe house.

Future construction projects planned for Wadeye include new houses and house renovations through the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP). It is important to note the SIHIP investment in Wadeye is subject to a long-term lease being secured.

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Question No: 086

Topic: Employment in Wadeye

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

In another FAHCSIA press release, issued on the same day, it is said that Wadeye will receive funding under the umbrella of another program: the Aboriginals Benefit Account.

- In how many programs is Wadeye given how much money?

Answer:

Over recent years programs administered by FaHCSIA have contributed the following funding:

- **Aboriginals Benefit Account \$3,197,366.**

Funding Recipient	Amount	Date Approved	Purpose
Thamarrurr Development Corporation	\$500,000	Sept 08	Establishment grant to support the establishment of Thamarrurr Development Corporation.
Catholic Education Office	\$209,026	May 08	Purchase of two school buses to increase school attendance at Wadeye.
Thamarrurr Development Corporation	\$200,000	May 08	Funds for a new ranger boat and vehicle to carry out vital land and sea management activities in the region.
Diminin Association Aboriginal Corporation	\$105,790	May 08	Funds to conduct a feasibility study into the development of an accommodation and integrated business centre at Wadeye.
Thamarrurr Regional Council	\$50,000	Oct 07	Purchase a second hand bus and trailer to assist the local Indigenous dance troupe to travel to various festivals.
Catholic Education Office	\$1,882,550	Jul 07	Funds for capital upgrades to Wadeye OLSH Catholic School as part of a capital upgrade project to 5 Catholic mission schools in the NT.
Thamarrurr Regional Council	\$250,000	Sept 05	Co-fund ranger headquarters at Wadeye with the Indigenous Land Corporation,

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- **Indigenous Communities Strategic Investment \$2,430,000.**

		Amount
Direct Funding	Wadeye/Daly River Regional AFL	\$130,000.00
	Territory Tidy Towns Forum and Awards Event 2008	\$30,000.00
	2008/09 Total:	\$160,000.00

Wadeye, along with other communities, receives funding under a range of other programs including CDEP and Municipal Services. Wadeye also benefited from the funding by Commonwealth initiatives to support the introduction of local government in the Northern Territory.

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Question No: 087

Topic: Employment in Wadeye

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

When the Minister is stating that \$140,000 is used to renovate a house – do I understand it correctly that this project will work similarly like the one in Wadeye where Indigenous trainees will be involved? If yes, will the department make sure that ONLY Indigenous people will be offered job opportunities? If not, who will do the work? White fellows?

Answer:

The project in Walungurru (Kintore) is for the purchase and delivery of materials, fixtures and fittings to renovate a house on the Walungurru community. The renovation is being carried out by Woden Rotary Club volunteers in partnership with Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku and the Kintore Community.

Local Indigenous people will be encouraged to volunteer and work with the Rotary volunteers to learn various skills which would assist them to gain employment with the contractors completing the future Strategic Indigenous Housing Investment Program renovations in the community.

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Question No: 088

Topic: Employment in Wadeye

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Does this principle apply to all funded projects, e.g. in Western Arnhem, Hermannsburg?

Answer:

A key objective of projects funded under the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) Community Capability Fund is to strengthen community capacity to address local needs and remove impediments to community stabilisation

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Question No: 089

Topic: Government Business Managers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Minister is mentioning in press release that communities have been involved in the decision process through a nomination from Government Business Managers. Department please provide more detail on this process?

Answer:

The process for funding approval from this allocation is that Government Business Managers consult with their communities to identify needs aside from major infrastructure projects, that can be funded and completed relatively quickly and which address key needs such as improving environmental health.

Communities do not have to complete and submit applications. Instead, to allow for quicker responses, Government Business Managers submit proposals that have been discussed with their communities, to the Department. A senior officer approves them, taking into account overall priorities and funds availability.

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Question No: 090

Topic: Government Business Managers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Does department know how many communities asked to be nominated under this scheme in order to receive funding?

Answer:

No communities asked to be nominated under this scheme. The Government Business Manager (GBM) Flexible Funding Pool allows GBMs to respond quickly and flexibly to needs identified by communities affected by the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER). In total, 61 remote communities and 13 town camps received funding from this allocation in the 2007-08 financial year.

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Question No: 091

Topic: Government Business Managers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Are all Business Managers Indigenous? If not, how many are there? If not, are there strategies to change this?

Answer:

No. Of the 53 currently employed in the Northern Territory, eight (8) are indigenous.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), which employs Government Business Managers (GBMs), is committed to maintaining its lead position in the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff it employs (currently at 9.1% of all FaHCSIA staff).

That commitment extends to GBMs, and local strategies are used to encourage Indigenous people to seek this important role including targeting Indigenous staff currently employed in the Australian and Northern Territory Public Services or local government who may be interested when positions are advertised.

The Department is also committed to developing a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce Strategy that will focus on leadership, recruitment and career development. Recruitment to GBM positions will be considered as part of this.

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Question No: 092

Topic: Government Business Managers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

On the Department's website it is said that currently 53 Government Business Managers are servicing 70 communities and town camps. Is this figure correct? Can the department provide a breakdown?

Answer:

The figure of fifty-three (53) Government Business Managers (GBMs) deployed is correct. The GBMs service 73 communities and town camps in Darwin, Elliot and Alice Springs. The table attached identifies the communities and town camp regions which currently have GBMs.

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NT Communities and town camp regions that currently have GBMs (as at 10/11/08)

NORTH	
Community	ICC Region
Darwin Town Camps, Acacia Larrakia	Darwin
Minjilang	Darwin
Naiyu (Daly River)	Darwin
Nguiu (Bathurst Island)	Darwin
Wadeye	Darwin
Maningrida	Darwin
Peppimenarti	Darwin
Palumpa	Darwin
Gunbalanya (Oenpelli)	Darwin
Warruwi	Darwin
Milikapiti, Pirlangimpi	Darwin
Belyuen	Darwin
Kybrook Farm, Binjari	Darwin
Minyerri	Katherine
Ngukurr (Urapunga) Rittarangu	Katherine
Bulla, Amanbidji	Katherine
Robinson River	Katherine
Daguragu, Kalkarindji (Wave Hill)	Katherine
Lajamanu	Katherine
Numbulwar	Katherine
Yarralin, Pigeon Hole	Katherine
Bulman, Weemol	Katherine
Bewsick, Barunga, Manyallaluk	Katherine
Jilkminggan (Duck Ck)	Katherine
Galuwinku	Nhulunbuy
Gapuwiyak (Lake Evella)	Nhulunbuy
Angurugu, Milyakburra (Bickerton Island)	Nhulunbuy
Ramingining	Nhulunbuy
Yirrkala	Nhulunbuy
Gunyangara	Nhulunbuy
Umbakumba	Nhulunbuy
Milingimbi	Nhulunbuy

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Community	ICC Region
Yuelamu	Alice Springs
Titjikala	Alice Springs
Imanpa	Alice Springs
Finke (Apatula)	Alice Springs
Wallace Rockhole, Hermannsburg (Ntaria)	Alice Springs
Amoonguna, Alice Springs Town Camps & Outstations	Alice Springs
Santa Teresa (Lyentye Apurte)	Alice Springs
Nturiya, (Ti Tree) Wilora (illewarr) Pmara Jutunta	Alice Springs
Papunya, Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji)	Alice Springs
Kaltukatjara (Docker River)	Alice Springs
Yuendumu, Nyirripi	Alice Springs
Engawala, Laramba	Alice Springs
Kintore (Walungurru)	Alice Springs
Mt Liebig (Watiyawanu)	Alice Springs
Mutitjulu	Alice Springs
Areyonga (Utju)	Alice Springs
Atitjere (Harts Range)	Alice Springs
Willowra	Alice Springs
Alpurrurulam (Lake Nash)	Tennant Creek
Elliot Town Camps	Tennant Creek

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Ali Curung, Imangara (Murray Downs) Tara	Tennant Creek
Wutunugurra (Epenarra), Canteen Ck (Owairtilla)	Tennant Creek
Ampilatwatja	Tennant Creek

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Question No: 093

Topic: Projects

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

Would the Department please provide further information on all community projects?

Answer:

The Community Capability Fund (CCF) (formerly the Government Business Managers Flexible Funding Pool) is a Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) measure targeted towards immediate community improvements. \$11.5 million has been provided in 2008/09. The CCF provides streamlined access to funds to address immediate community needs as identified by Government Business Managers (GBMs), the Indigenous Coordination Centre Network or the Department's Northern Territory State Office.

CCF funding is available for projects that:

- provide immediate repairs to community facilities (excluding major infrastructure improvements)
- improve health and safety in the community
- are one off, non-recurrent projects that can be funded and completed within the current financial year
- address identified priorities in consultation with the community
- strengthen community capacity to address local needs and remove impediments to community stabilisation
- result in immediate benefit and improvement in the living environment, health, and community participation within communities
- build on the cooperative relationship between the GBMs, the Australian/NT/local governments and communities in addressing key intervention activities.

Attachment A provides details on 18 projects totalling \$1,391,828 that have been approved or recommended for funding so far this financial year, leaving a balance of \$8,108,172 to be allocated for future projects.

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Attachment A

Community	Project Title	Project Description	Requested Amount	Proposed Completion
Yuendumu	Wheelie Bins	Funding was provided to purchase 100 Wheelie Bins for Yuendumu Community to improve the environmental health standards of the community.	\$10,000	November 2008
Harts Range	Home Cleaning packs	There is currently a life skills trainer working in the community to teach people how to effectively keep their houses clean and minimise the transmission of disease. This project would supply each household with a range of cleaning products once they have completed the life skills training. The positive outcomes of this project will be improved living standards and a reduction in sanitation related diseases.	\$5,000	November 2008
Nyirripi	Nyirripi Home cleaning program	Home cleaning and household skills being taught via the Aged Care trainer working in the community. To teach the people how to effectively keep their houses clean and minimise the transmission of disease, This project will supply each household with a range of cleaning products once they have completed the life skills training. The positive outcomes of this project will be improved living standards and a reduction in sanitation related diseases	\$10,000	November 2008
Areyonga	Areyonga - Recreational Hall Security Lighting	The installation of security lighting to make a safe area around the Areyonga Community recreation hall. This funding will improve the safety of children who utilise the facility after dark.	\$10,612	December 2008

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Mt Liebig	Dust Suppression and Upgrade of faulty Community store equipment.	Airborne dust particles pose considerable environmental health impacts on remote community residents. This funding has been provided to reduce the dust at the community store where goods are unloaded from trucks. Funding will be used to construct a cement slab at rear of the store. A portion of this funding will also be used to purchase a new store forklift to replace the current one which is beyond economical repair.	\$48,186	December 2008
Mt Liebig	Dust Control	Airborne dust particles pose considerable environmental health impacts on remote community residents. This funding has been provided to purchase and install gravel (blue metal) in all household driveways, common parking areas and the community workshop yard to control dust.	\$33,072	December 2008
Mt Liebig	Repair House for Aged Care	Funding has been approved to repair a disused house for use as a respite area for aged care. The aged care group have \$84,000 for this work but sought a further \$12,000 to undertake all the work. Mt Liebig lacks any form of respite facility for the elderly and this capital infrastructure improvement will improve the lives of the community's elderly residents.	\$12,000	January 2009
Titjikala	Women's Centre Upgrade	Expansion and refit of women's centre kitchen and relocation of the laundry. The women's centre has received funding from the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) and HAAC of \$35,000. The funds are held by McDonnell Shire. The women's centre has had an expanded role in the past 12 months in the preparation of meals for school children, emergency meals and catering. This expansion requires community washing facilities located adjacent to the kitchen to be moved. The laundry facilities are not considered adequate so it is proposed that a new laundry be built. This funding will improve the current	\$31,366	February 2009

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		infrastructure and provide a safe and hygienic facility for the preparation of meals.		
Hermannsburg	Portable Fire Fighting Unit	A portable fire fighting unit for fighting house fires and scrub fires.	\$25,000	December 2008
Papunya and associated outstations. Visiting artists from other communities – including Yuendumu, Haast's Bluff and Alice Springs.	Upgrade of Papunya Tjupi Art Centre Building	Papunya Tjupi is a strong Art Centre that has DEWHA operational support funding and employs two professional staff (1.5 positions). It has two Aboriginal arts workers employed under Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) funding. As the birthplace of the Western Desert dot painting movement it has a strong cohort of established artists, and the potential to become sustainable. It has had strong support from both the Australia Council for the Arts and Arts NT in its inception. The Art Centre has a strong partnership arrangement with the College of Fine Arts at the University of NSW, which runs training programs for the artists, and provides substantial in-kind support. The project has been designed by experienced members of the Shire to achieve maximum functionality. Funding has been provided for the refurbishment of the current infrastructure which will improve the community's capacity to have an economically sustainable arts centre.	\$160,000	April 2009
Kintore, Papunya, Mt Liebig, Haasts Bluff, Kiwirrkurra, Tjukala, Docker River, Warburton, Blackstone, Wingellina, Hermannsburg	Kintore Dialysis House Renovation	Funding has been provided to renovate a house given by the Kintore Community to Western Desert Nganampa Walytja Palyantjaku Tjutaku Health Service to be used as a 2 bed renal dialysis unit located in Kintore. Western Desert dialysis patients will be able to make regular trips "to country" which has proven benefits to their all round health and well being. The renovation will be achieved utilising specialised labour from the Woden and other supporting Rotary Clubs working with and training local Indigenous Kintore	\$140,000	April 2009

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		people. The renovation project will be broken down into 13 work packages which will be delivered by 4 to 5 teams of specialised Rotary volunteers. This infrastructure refurbishment will improve the community's access to renal dialysis services.		
Ntaria, Areyonga and Wallace Rockhole	Hermannsburg Volunteer Unit	Funding has been provided to improve community infrastructure by purchasing emergency services equipment, construction of a concrete floor and fit out of the new Northern Territory Emergency Services Headquarters Training and Storage facility at Hermannsburg.	\$50,000	November 2008
Wadeye, Palumpa	Wadeye - Ablution facility main community sports oval	Funding has been provided for the construction of an ablution facility at the Wadeye Community sports oval. This project will provide ongoing work during the wet season for local Indigenous trainees at the community's tilt-up concrete slab factory and will support the community to build up a skilled labour force for future construction projects.	\$404,786	December 2008

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Wadeye	Wadeye - construction of gymnasium	Funding has been provided to construct a gymnasium with shower and toilet amenities. The facility will be attached to the community youth, sport and recreational hall. The new gymnasium will be an important community resource and will provide new sport and recreation opportunities for Indigenous people	\$202,996	December 2008
Wadeye	Wadeye - Top Soil for Community Sports Oval	Approved funding will provide resources to top soil and grass seed the Wadeye Community Sports Oval. This project will enhance the opportunities for the youth of Wadeye.	\$90,000	November 2008
Warruwi	Ajurumu Store Food Storage Facilities Upgrade	To ensure food security is maintained at the licensed store funding has been provided for the construction of new freezer and chiller facilities in the existing store and conversion of the existing internal freezer to chiller storage. This will enhance the store's ability to provide fresh & healthy food alternatives to community residents.	\$230,000	December 2008
Marlinja	Water Upgrade	Funding has been provided to improve the community's essential services infrastructure with the replacement of internal reticulation pipes, cleanout of water tanks and repairs to the tank support structure and installation of water conditioning systems. This project will improve the health of residents by ensuring they have access to quality drinking water supplies.	\$69,674	January 2009
Ampilatwatja	House Painting	A key activity of the Northern Territory Emergency Response Community Clean Up program was to externally paint all community houses and public buildings. Five houses in Ampilatwatja were unable to be completed in this program due to time constraints. This funding has been provided to complete this project to ensure all residences receive improvements.	\$21,136	October 2008

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Question No: 094

Topic: Indigenous Affairs – Long-term leasing in the Northern Territory

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Adams asked:

While visiting Wadey Minister Macklin is quoted in newspaper article (The Age 10/10/2008) to have said that "the Government would need to negotiate long-term leasing deals with 16 Territory communities in which the houses will be built. Tents would have to pay rent."

What is planned and when?

Answer:

Sixteen remote Aboriginal communities have been identified for major works, including new housing, under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP). It is agreed Australian and Northern Territory Government policy that major capital investment on Aboriginal land must be secured through long-term lease arrangements. The community of Nguui, and the three Groote Eylandt region communities of Angurugu, Milyakburra and Umbakumba, either have leases in place or leases are agreed in principle. Therefore new leases are required over a further 12 communities. The Northern Territory Government has requested 60 year leases to Territory Housing over existing housing and new subdivisions in communities to facilitate this. The Australian Government supports these leasing arrangements and has also informed Land Councils that whole-of-township leasing is an additional option available for communities. Either type of lease would enable construction under SIHIP to commence. All new and upgraded housing delivered through SIHIP will be subject to reformed property and tenancy management arrangements being progressively introduced for the 73 prescribed communities.

Funding has been provided to the Central Land Council (CLC) and the Northern Land Council (NLC) to facilitate lease negotiations for the remaining 12 communities. The NLC has held two rounds of consultations with Maningrida, Galiwinku and Wadey Traditional Owners. The CLC has also held two rounds of consultations with Yuendumu, Lajamanu and Hermannsburg Traditional Owners. Australian Government and Northern Territory officials have also attended consultation meetings. It is expected that consultations with remaining SIHIP priority communities (all in the NLC region: Gapuwiyak, Gunbalanya, Milingimbi, Ngukurr, Numbulwar and Yirrkala) will commence in the new year.

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Question No: 095

Topic: Income Support and CDEP

Hansard Page: CA64 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Can you tell me what the people who are on income support are doing that match activities on CDEP?

Answer:

There are some similarities between activities carried out under Work for the Dole (WfD) and a number of CDEP activities. Whilst many CDEP activities are income generating WfD activities are not for profit. CDEP activities which are also not for profit and also carried out under WfD include activities such as:

Sewing groups
Landscaping and environment
Fencing
Language and culture
Gardening
Community maintenance

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Question No: 096

Topic: NTER Intervention – School Trials

Hansard Page: CA6 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Does the \$460.4m include funding for the new trial for the school requirements, or is that on top?

Answer:

The funding for the School Enrolment and Attendance Measure (SEAM) trial is not included in the funding for the NTER Intervention. The Improving School Enrolment and Attendance through Welfare Reform Measure is funded separately, even though it will operate within the NT as well as in other communities.

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Question No: 097

Topic: NT stores post licensing review

Hansard Page: CA15 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Can you provide us with a list of the questions asked [in the NT stores post licensing review survey]?

Answer:

The questions asked of store operators were:

Q1. Has the introduction of Income Management affected your store?

Yes No

If yes, to what extent has it been affected?

Greatly affected slightly affected

Can you please describe how your store has been affected?

Q2. Overall would you say that the introduction of IM has had a

Positive Negative Neutral effect on your store?

Why do you say that? Can you give me some examples or explain your answer in a bit more detail for me?

Q3. Overall would you say that the introduction of IM has had a

Positive Negative Neutral effect on the community?

Why do you say that? Can you give me some examples or explain your answer in a bit more detail for me?

Q4. Would you describe your store's transition to Income Management as

Very difficult Difficult Neutral Easy Very easy

What made it this way?

Q5. Did you find the assistance of Income Management Officers

Very helpful Helpful Neutral Unhelpful Very unhelpful

Could you please describe your experience with your Income Management Officer

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Do you have any suggestions for how the Income Management Officer service could be improved?

Q6. Have the shopping habits of your customers changed since the introduction of IM?

Yes No

If yes, to what extent have their shopping habits changed?

Greatly changed Slightly changed

Do your customers now:

Buy more fruit and vegetables yes no

Buy more healthy foods yes no

Make fewer smaller purchases yes no

Understand the IM system yes no

Spend more on clothing yes no

Could you provide some more detail on the changing habits of your customers, [particularly whether they are buying more or less of certain goods]?

Q7. Has the turnover of your store increased since the introduction of IM?

Yes No

If yes, to what extent has it increased?

5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% more

If no, has turnover decreased since the introduction of IM?

Yes No

If yes, to what extent has it decreased?

5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% more

Is there anything else you can tell me about the effect of IM on turnover in your store?

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Q8. Has the administration of income management added to your workload, or the workload of store staff?

Yes No

If yes, how much extra work in terms of time per day?

Less than ½hr ½-1 hr 1-2 hrs 2-3 hrs 3-4 hrs more

Can you describe how your workload changed, if it has improved at all and what helped to improve it?

Q9. Do your customers give views on income management and, if so, what are some of their more common statements?

Q10. Do you have any other comments about your store licence or about the operation of income management in your store?

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Question No: 098

Topic: Audit of Computer Pornography

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Humphries asked:

How was the software employed to conduct the audit of computers be incompatible with the computers? How is it being remedied?

Answer:

The software used for the 2 June 2008 audit was not incompatible with the publicly funded computers located in prescribed areas. The software was developed by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). In order to ensure the software was compatible with the majority of diverse computer systems being utilised, a simple executable script was developed and designed to be used on all Windows driven computers. However, by increasing the compatibility of the software, this put a limit on its interrogation capabilities.

The software was loaded onto Universal Serial Bus (USB) keys and disseminated to organisations as part of an 'audit kit'. Organisations that did not have Windows driven computers or were not USB compatible were provided with guidelines to conduct a manual audit.

A helpdesk was established for the period of the audit to assist organisations with the technical aspects to conduct either the automated or manual audit. One organisation advised they had issues with using the software due to their computer system. FaHCSIA sourced an Information Technology provider to conduct the audit on behalf of the organisation.

In order to increase the interrogation capacity of the software to detect pornographic or unlawful material stored or accessed on publicly funded computers, commercially available software was identified and consultations occurred between FaHCSIA representatives, the Australian Crime Commission and the software provider. Following the consultations, the software was customised to better meet the needs of the audit requirements and has been purchased for the next audit scheduled for 1 December 2008.

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Question No: 099

Topic: Audit of Computer Pornography

Hansard Page: CA16 24/10

Senator Humphries asked:

Had any of the computers been tested before the software problem occurred? If so, what has it shown about the presence of pornography or the use of pornography on those computers?

Answer:

To the best of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) knowledge, there was no problem with the audit software, which was tested in-house prior to being disseminated to affected organisations in prescribed areas.

421 computers located in prescribed areas across the Northern Territory were audited as a result of the 2 June 2008 audit.

One organisation advised it had issues with using the software due to its computer system. FaHCSIA sourced an IT provider to conduct the audit on behalf of that organisation.

The Australian Crime Commission (ACC) has finalised its examination of the audit data. It is anticipated that its formal report will be received in the very near future. At this stage, however, the ACC has advised that 5 organisations may warrant further investigation.

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Question No: 101

Topic: Northern Territory Police

Hansard Page: CA18 24/10

Senator Adams asked:

Has the number of Aboriginal police aides increased since the emergency response began?

Answer:

The number of Aboriginal Community Police Officers (ACPOs) has remained reasonably constant since the commencement of the Northern Territory Emergency Response. However, the actual location of deployment of aides may vary according to variables such as operational need and individual suitability.

The focus of Northern Territory Police efforts to increase the number of police officers who are Indigenous is to draw from the existing cohort of ACPOs. This strategy can cause fluctuations or variations in the number of ACPOs at a given time depending upon recruitment timetables and attrition rates.

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Question No: 102

Topic: Reviews of relationship between CLC and Centrecorp.

Hansard Page: CA22 24/10

Senator Brandis asked:

Can you please provide a list of those reviews and copies of the reviews? What is the date of the most recent review? Can a copy of the document that was the outcome of that latest review be provided?

Answer:

The most recent reviews are:-

1. An audit of Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd (Centrecorp) by the Office of Evaluation and Audit (Indigenous Programs) (OEA) in the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

The report was finalised in September 2008. It was then provided to Centrecorp for comment on what matters may be commercial in confidence, in preparation for the Minister for Finance and Deregulation to consider distribution of the report. That Minister is responsible for determining the distribution of reports undertaken by OEA.

2. The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) advises that all annual audits of the Central Land Council (CLC) re-confirm an earlier opinion on the relationship, most recently the 2007/08 audit of the CLC. These are tabled documents.

3. An Audit Report on the Northern Territory Land Councils by OEA of January 2008 undertaken in order to provide information in preparation for a move to performance based funding of the Land Councils. This report includes a short section on the conduct of commercial activities in all Land Councils. The report is being prepared for publication.

4. The ANAO examination of the CLC's relationship with Centrecorp in 2006 as part of the ANAO's annual audit of the CLC. These audits are tabled documents.

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Question No: 104

Topic: Gambling

Hansard Page: CA32 24/10

Senator Scullion asked:

Can you give me an assurance that police officers on the ground have not been instructed to ignore this unlawful activity [gambling]?

Answer:

Northern Territory Police, who have oversight of the police deployment, advise that police have not been instructed to ignore any unlawful activity.

Police are progressively enforcing statutes and developing a culture of compliance with the law in communities.

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Question No: 105

Topic: Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) Criteria

Hansard Page: CA33 24/10

Senator Payne asked:

What are the key criteria on which the decision was made?

Answer:

The three Alliance Partners were selected by the Northern Territory Government based on assessment of their responses to the following key criteria outlined in the Request for Proposal:

- Criterion 1: Track record and experience of nominated personnel
- Criterion 2: Resources, availability and suitability of nominated individual team members to complete the program and deliver game-breaking results
- Criterion 3: Appreciation and approach to Employment and Workforce Development requirements
- Criterion 4: Proposed approach to deliver the program

The following criterion was assessed on performance and interaction with the Northern Territory Housing team at selection interviews and workshops:

- Criterion 5: Team potential for game-breaking performance

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Question No: 106

Topic: SIHIP Key Results and Benchmarks

Hansard Page: CA33 24/10

Senator Payne asked:

Could you provide information to the committee about the key results areas and, more specifically, about the benchmarks?

Answer:

The Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) is being completed through a series of works packages: four per cent of funding for each package will be used as an incentive pool for Alliance Partners, distributed across four Key Result Areas (KRAs):

KRA 1: Housing Outcomes (28 per cent of the incentive pool) – quality of the housing layout solution, community acceptance of the solution, economic life of housing improved through use of robust materials and quality of construction.

KRA 2: Local Indigenous Employment and Training Outcomes (60 per cent) – local Indigenous people gain skills and experience to apply in their communities, increasing capacity and reducing long-term costs of construction, repairs and maintenance in these communities.

KRA 3: Engagement with Communities (six per cent) – Alliance Partners' abilities to have a positive influence on the communities.

KRA 4: Time (six per cent) – incentive to carry out a number of packages simultaneously, to ensure program completion in time, whilst not compromising employment and training outcomes.

Each KRA has several indicators which set specific targets for Alliance Partners for each package of works. Financial incentives or penalties will be applied in relation to performance against each target. The Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) will specify unsatisfactory, poor, minimum conditions of satisfaction (MCOS), stretch and game-breaking performance levels.

While KRA 1, 3 & 4 will be consistent across packages, the Employment and Training KPIs will vary at the package level and also at the community level. The Northern Territory Government (in consultation with a representative from the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations) will first assess each community and then propose reasonable targets for employment and training. The Alliance Partner will then have 3 months to review and negotiate these targets, after which time they will become contractual.

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Question No: 107

Topic: SIHIP Architecture Design

Hansard Page: CA35 24/10

Senator Eggleston asked:

Could you provide the committee with information on the design library?

Answer:

The Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) Design Library was established by the Northern Territory Government as part of the Integrated Program Team to assist in the preparation and delivery of packages within communities. It is an online resource accessible to Alliance Partners. It provides ready access to historical information on Indigenous housing design, and will document all design and engineering information developed as part of the SIHIP.

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Question No: 108

Topic: Containers

Hansard Page: CA36 24/10

Senator Boyce asked:

Why have the six containers sitting on the wharf in Darwin been there for two years?

Answer:

The seven containers (a final container was moved to Darwin in May 2008) hold components for three Ecovilla kit houses and associated ablution buildings. Advice from IBA, based on an engineer's report, was that the kits did not meet Building Code of Australia cyclone codes and therefore should not be used in cyclone-rated areas. Initial discussions on the use of these buildings by Territory Housing were not successful. FaHCSIA is currently close to concluding an appropriate use for these buildings in a non-cyclonic area.

The major reason for delay in using these housing kits has been that possible users have not been able to access sufficient funding to meet the construction and fit out costs that will be associated with these buildings.

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Question No: 167

Topic: Safe Houses

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What consultation took place regarding the design and placement of safe houses?

Answer:

Consultation took place with all identified communities selected for safe houses in both the design and placement. Stakeholders that were consulted included night patrols, Community Government Councils, community members and elders, community women, police, traditional owners, GBMs, CEOs, women's centre staff, school staff, clinic staff, youth program staff, aged care, aboriginal liaison officers/shire staff.

Discussion that took place included the outlining of the safe house project and container model (including showing proposed designs), proposed sites to be used, possible identification of existing buildings to be retrofitted, involvement of current services in community (e.g. night patrols), recruitment, employment and training of potential workers for the safe houses, other issues and concerns as they arose.

FaHCSIA also worked closely with GBMs in the consultation and planning process for the safe houses.

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Question No: 068

Topic: Youth Alcohol Diversionary services

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How does YAD fit in with other existing diversionary services such as CAYLUS's petrol sniffing programs?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Emergency Response Youth Alcohol Diversionary Measure is aimed at young people aged between 12-18 who engage in or are at risk of alcohol and other substance abuse in the Northern Territory Emergency Response designated communities.

Infrastructure and activities are provided to offer a range of safe and healthy activities as an alternative to drinking and substance abuse.

In the Northern Territory, activities delivered under the Youth Alcohol Diversion measure complement the activities and services delivered under other existing diversionary programs, such as those delivered under the Petrol Sniffing Strategy in the Northern Territory.

The Central Australian Youth Link Up Service (CAYLUS) is an independent non-government organisation that can receive funding from the range of State/Territory and Commonwealth government programs.

CAYLUS provides support services in relation to substance abuse to remote communities in the central Australia region. It works with remote Indigenous communities to create education and treatment strategies that address substance abuse, particularly by young people.

CAYLUS has recently been funded \$3 million from the Aboriginal Benefits Account to provide youth diversion infrastructure in the central Australian region.

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Question No: 100

Topic: Northern Territory Police

Hansard Page: CA18 24/10

Senator Furner asked:

What is the split of police officers that are Indigenous and non-Indigenous?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Police has stations established at 32 of the 73 prescribed communities, including 18 Themis Stations. Police also conduct patrols in prescribed communities that do not have a police presence.

Currently there is one Police Officer who identifies as Indigenous in a station that is located in a prescribed community, including Themis Stations.

A person's identity as Indigenous and non-Indigenous is information that is provided voluntarily (i.e. it is not mandatory to make such a declaration).

(Task Force Themis is the Northern Territory Police component of the NT Government response to the NTER.)

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Question No: 127

Topic: Support for the Aged

Hansard Page: CA6 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Is the department aware of the report released by the University of WA? And was the department consulted in the study or have you looked into the issue?

Answer:

The department is aware of the report recently released by the University of Western Australia, entitled "*The impact of co-payment increases on dispensings of government-subsidised medicines in Australia*".

FaHCSIA was not consulted during the course of this study. However, the report's main author, Dr Anna Hynd, did contact the Department of Health and Ageing.

Patient co-payments under the Australian Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) falls under the responsibilities of the Department of Health and Ageing.

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Question No: 128

Topic: Pension Review Consultations

Hansard Page: CA10 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

Did every member of the consultation group attend at least one of the hearings? And how many consultations did each of them attend (broken down by each individual)?

Answer:

Five of the thirteen members of the Pension Review Reference Group attended one of the public consultations.

- Peter Whiteford (Sydney 28/8/08)
- Val French (Brisbane 8/9/08)
- Lorna Hallahan (Adelaide 17/9/08)
- Joan Hughes (Canberra 18/9/08)
- Marion Gaynor (Melbourne 22/9/08)

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Question No: 129

Topic: Pension Review Consultations

Hansard Page: CA11 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

Were there sitting fees to attend the consultation?

Answer:

Sitting fees were not paid to members of the Pension Review Reference Group for attending the public consultations.

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Question No: 130

Topic: Pension Review Consultations

Hansard Page: CA11 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

Did Minister Macklin or any members of Parliament attend any of the hearings?

Answer:

The Department's records do not contain a record of Members of Parliament attending the public consultations.

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Question No: 222

Topic: Social Security Agreement with the United Kingdom

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Fierravanti-Wells asked:

1. Is the Australian Government aware of the proceedings in the European Court of Human Rights in *Carson and Others v the UK Government* regarding the payment of pension entitlements to expatriate British citizens? If so, what is the attitude of the Australian Government in relation to this matter?
2. Is the Australian Government supportive of the efforts of the consortium in its case against the British Government.
3. Has the Australian Government made any representations to the British Government in relation to payment of pension entitlements to expatriate British citizens residing in Australia? If so, please provide details of the same.

Answer:

1. The Government is aware of the proceedings in the European Court of Human Rights.

The Government is disappointed in the November 2008 decision of the Court that there has been no violation of Article 14 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

2. Yes.
3. Yes, the Australian Government has made representations to the UK Government on this issue and will continue to pursue this matter with the UK Government on behalf of all pensioners.

In March 2008, I wrote to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, James Purnell, asking him to reconsider his Government's indexation policy and suggested that officials meet to discuss the possibility of negotiating a new social security agreement.

In April 2008 the Secretary of my department, Dr Jeff Harmer, raised the matter with his UK counterpart, Sir Leigh Lewis.

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In December 2008 I again wrote to Secretary of State Purnell suggesting that officials meet to discuss options for a new agreement.

The Government is considering other options available to persuade the UK Government to change its approach to indexation.

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**International Day of People with Disability –
National Disability Awards**

**Estimated major expenditure items for IDPwD and National Disability Awards
2008:**

Activity	Amount (Excl GST)
Event organiser (venue, catering, entertainment)	\$200,000
Community Service Announcements	\$ 70,000
Call centre	\$ 57,000
Media Relations and Ambassador Management	\$ 60,000
Website maintenance	\$ 3,000
Payments to FaHCSIA State and Territory offices to support community organisations hosting an IDPwD event	\$ 34,000
Promotional Products	\$ 32,000
Advertising (print ads)	\$ 40,000
Administrative Expense Total	\$496,000
Finalists (for 15 finalists and their carers)	
• Accommodation for finalists and carers*	\$ 45,000
• Flights / travel reimbursements for finalists and carers	\$ 18,000
Departmental Expense Total	\$63,000

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CONFERENCE FUNDING PROGRAM**

Organisation Name	Conference Title	Conference Start Date	Conference Location	Funding received
Queensland Advocacy Incorporated	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Seminar & Launch of Human Rights Indicators Manual	20 August 2008	Brisbane Qld	\$7,650
Australian Association Teachers of the Deaf - Victorian Branch	Teachers of the Deaf Annual Conference	29 August 2008	Melbourne Vic	\$1,792
Arts Access Victoria	The Other Film Festival 2008	3-7 September 2008	Melbourne Vic	\$20,000
Australian Sign Language Interpreters Association (ASLIA National)	ASLIA National Conference 'Growing the Profession'	5-7 September 2008	Darwin NT	\$8,500
Better Hearing Australia Inc.	Better Hearing National Conference 2008	11-14 September 2008	Darwin NT	\$10,000
Pioneer Clubhouse, a service of Schizophrenia Fellowship NSW Inc.	The 8th Australasian Clubhouse Conference	14-17 September 2008	Sydney NSW	\$19,100
Arts Access Australia	National Arts and Health Conference	15 September 2008	Sydney NSW	\$2,000
National Disability Services	Home and Community; Overcoming Exclusion	25-26 September 2008	Sydney NSW	\$10,000
Christian Blind Mission, Australia	Disability, Disadvantage and Development in the Pacific and Asia	29 September - 1 October 2008	Canberra ACT	\$20,000
Short Statured People of Australia Inc	8 SSPA National Disability Conference	29 September - 5 October 2008	Gold Coast Qld	\$10,000
Australian Aphasia Association Inc. ('AAA')	Australian Aphasia Association National Conference "Don't let it faze ya! Lets talk about aphasia!"	29-30 September 2008	Waterford West Qld	\$2,450
Brain Injury Australia Inc	"Insights and Solutions" - the 2nd International Conference on Alcohol and Other Drug Related Brain Impairment and Brain Injury Australia's National Conference {"the Conference"}	1-3 September 2008	Melbourne Vic	\$16,650
Regional Information & Advocacy Council Inc	Strengthening Disability Advocacy	6-8 October 2008	Shepparton Vic	\$8,500
Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO)	"Policy About Us, For Us!" A Practical Revolution in Lives of People with Disabilities	9-10 October 2008	Melbourne Vic	\$20,000

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Wimmera Uniting Care	Beyond Inclusion; Leadership & the Limelight unconventional Art Conference	25 October 2008	Horsham Vic	\$10,000
Multiple Sclerosis Australia	Multiple Sclerosis National Advocacy Conference	13-15 October 2008	Canberra ACT	\$5,000
Metabolic Dietary Disorders Association ((MDDA)	Global Perspectives Lifestyle Challenges	18-19 October 2008	Brisbane Qld	\$20,000
Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability	43rd ASSID Conference; Principals, Policies and Practices: The Search for Evidence	24-26 November 2008	Melbourne Vic	\$9,358
Pathways 9 Conference	Pathways 9 Conference	2-5 December 2008	Melbourne Vic	\$20,000
The Disability Trust	Get Informed, Make Your Choice Conference	5-6 December 2008	Worrigeer NSW	\$2,500
Organisation Name	Conference Title	Conference Start Date	Conference Location	Funding received
The University of NSW	Enhancing Student Success conference : 'Working Collaboratively with Students in a Diverse University Environment'	12 December 2008	Ourimbah NSW	\$1,000
Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability Incorporated	Having a Say Conference	4-6 February 2009	Geelong Vic	\$10,000
The Cerebral Palsy Institute, a Division of the Spastic Centre	International Cerebral Palsy Conference	18-21 February 2009	Sydney NSW	\$20,000
Gasworks Arts Inc	Art of Difference 09 International Arts Symposium	19-21 March 2009	Melbourne Vic	\$20,000
Australian Group on Severe Communication Impairment Incorporated (AGOSCI)	Communication - Feel the Power	7-9 May 2009	Canberra ACT	\$20,000
Disability Studies and Research Centre (DSARC), University of New South Wales	Towards a National Disability Studies Agenda	11-12 May 2009	Sydney NSW	\$20,000
Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities Incorporated	Annual Conference of the Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities	9-12 May 2009	Orielton Tas	\$5,500
Australian Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association (ARATA)	Creating Value through Participation	22-24 September 2008	Adelaide, SA	\$10,000
TOTAL				\$330,000

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State/Territory	Town	Date	Demographic
New South Wales	Tweed Valley	Monday November 12	Indigenous
New South Wales	Lismore	Tuesday November 11	Indigenous
New South Wales	Casino	Wednesday November 12	Indigenous
New South Wales	Grafton	Thursday November 13	Indigenous
New South Wales	Dubbo	Wednesday November 19	Indigenous
New South Wales	Condobolin	Wednesday November 20	Indigenous
New South Wales	Coffs Harbour	To be advised	General
New South Wales	Newcastle	To be advised	General
New South Wales	Orange	Wednesday November 12	General
New South Wales	Newcastle	Tuesday November 18	CALD
New South Wales	Lismore	To be advised	General
Northern Territory	Alice Springs	Monday November 10	CALD
Northern Territory	Alice Springs	November 10	General
Northern Territory	Tennant Creek	November 11	General
Northern Territory	Batchelor Darwin	Wednesday November 5	Indigenous
Queensland	Brisbane	Thursday November 6	Indigenous
Queensland	Hervey Bay	Thursday October 30	General
Queensland	Cairns	Thursday November 20	General
South Australia	Whyalla	To be confirmed	General
South Australia	Port August	To be confirmed	General
Tasmania	Launceston	Thursday November 13	General

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State/Territory	Town	Date	Demographic
Victoria	Bairnsdale		To be advised
Victoria	Geelong		To be advised
Victoria	Echuca		To be advised
Victoria	Wodonga		To be advised
Victoria	Orbost		To be advised
Victoria	Lakes Entrance		To be advised
Victoria	Mildura		To be advised
Victoria	Swan Hill		To be advised
Victoria	Horsham	To be advised	Indigenous
Victoria	Shepparton		To be advised
Western Australia	Fitzroy Crossing	Tuesday November 25	General
Western Australia	Bunbury	November 27/28 to be confirmed	General

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Senate Estimates Committee Hearing on 23 October 2008
Autism Advisor Program and Early Intervention Information for Tabling

How many Autism Advisors will be operational from 27 October 2008?

The Autism Advisor Program aims to establish up to 40 Autism Advisors in the 2008-09 financial year. The actual numbers of Autism Advisors that will be available from 27 October 2008 are outlined in the table below for the first 3 weeks of operation. The total numbers indicated below will comprise full-time and part-time advisors. Additionally the associations will have administrative officers who will also support the autism advisors.

Date	WA	SA	NSW	Vic	Qld	Tas	NT	ACT	Total
27 Oct	2	1	4*	4	4	1	1	1	18
3 Nov	3	2	4	6	4	1	1	1	22
10 Nov	4	4	4	6	4	2	1	1	26

*All positions are full-time except for one 0.5 position in NSW.

There will be further increases as advisors are recruited by the Autism Associations over coming months. At this stage, the Autism Associations have advised that they need the equivalent of 32 Full-time Equivalent staff to meet the anticipated need in their state or territory. FaHCSIA will monitor the staffing levels and make recommendations for change accordingly.

How will the Autism Advisor Program be monitored?

- Before becoming operational autism associations are required to provide an implementation plan to FaHCSIA that details their requirements to implement the program over the funding period. This plan includes policies and procedures, timetable for implementation, staffing requirements and work plans;
- Autism associations are required to provide 4 monthly status reports providing performance information, financial reporting and progress on program implementation, commencing February 2009;
- An inaugural Autism Advisor Forum is being held in early December 2008 for all Autism Advisors to attend to discuss implementation issues, models of service delivery and other program issues. Regular Autism Advisor Forums will be conducted in the future; and
- As well as regular program management contact with the advisors, FaHCSIA will also conduct annual site visits to each Association and/or Autism Advisor site.

Will children attending part-time school still be eligible for the early intervention funding?

Any child zero to six years of age with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) who attends part-time school will be eligible for the early intervention funding package.

Are any ASD playgroups going to be operating by end October 2008?

PlayGroup Australia have advised that they expect the first two ASD specific playgroups to be established and operational in rural NSW and South west Sydney by 31 October 2008.

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Question No: 131

Topic: Children with Autism

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Comprehensive early intervention and specialised childcare services for children with autism was promised during the election campaign by the Labor Party:

- (a) Have these services started?
- (b) What form do they take?
- (c) What has been the cost of these specialised services?

Early Intervention - Answer:

The Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) package includes:

- increased access to early intervention services for children aged zero to six years; and
- education and support for families and carers of children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The Government has committed \$190 million over four years to deliver the package.

(a) The Early Intervention Service Provider Panel is operational. Deeds of Agreement have been executed with 76 providers with a further 36 Deeds of Agreement being finalised.

(b) From October 2008, all children aged six years and under who are diagnosed with an ASD and who are not yet at full time school have access to funding of up to \$12,000 (up to \$6,000 per financial year) for one or more of the following services: behavioural interventions; developmental and social learning interventions; therapy based interventions; and family based interventions.

Families will use this funding to choose the early intervention services that best suit their child from a panel of service providers. Eligible interventions under the package will have a multidisciplinary focus. Families will also be supported by Autism Advisors across Australia providing advice and information following diagnosis.

(c) The Australian Government has allocated a total of \$90 million in funding over four years to June 2012 to the early intervention component of the HCWA package.

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Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres - Answer:

The Government committed to the establishment of Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres (ASELCCs) during the 2007 election campaign.

(a) Six ASELCCs will be established. Given the lead times required for centres to be refurbished or purpose built and to gain compliance with State Government legislative requirements, it is expected that two of the ASELCCs will be operational by June 2009 and the remaining four in the next financial year.

(b) The ASELCCs will provide early learning programs and specific support to children with ASDs in a long day care setting. Children attending in the year before formal schooling will receive an autism specific early childhood education program.

(c) The six ASELCCs form part of the Government's commitment to establish up to 260 Early Learning and Care Centres across Australia. The 2008-09 Budget invests \$114.5 million over four years (up to June 2012) to establish the Australian Government's first 38 new Early Learning and Care Centres, including the six autism specific centres.

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Question No: 132

Topic: National People with Disabilities and Carer Council

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Question:

What is the 2008-09 budget for the National People with Disabilities and Carers Council?

Answer:

The budget for the National People with Disabilities and Carer Council for the 2008-09 financial year is approximately **\$443,000**.

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Question No: 133

Topic: COAG

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

According to the June estimates, there were 6,561 people with disability aged under 65 living in residential aged care (Community Affairs Committee Hansard, 2 June 2008, p. 109). Has this number changed since June?

Answer:

According to the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) data, the number was 6,607 in June 2008.

Number of Residents		2008 Jun 08
NSW		2,369
VIC		1,616
QLD		1,359
SA		490
WA		515
TAS		152
NT		39
ACT		67
Location		6,607

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Question No: 134

Topic: COAG

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

What is the breakdown by state of people with disability under 65 years living in aged care?

Answer:

According to data from the Department of Health and Ageing, the number of people with disability under 65 living in aged care by State and Territory as at June 2008 is as follows:

Number of Residents		2008 Jun 08
NSW		2,369
VIC		1,616
QLD		1,359
SA		490
WA		515
TAS		152
NT		39
ACT		67
Location		6,607

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Question No: 135

Topic: COAG

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

Do you know how many people, since the start of the COAG Helping Younger People with Disability in Residential Aged Care Program, have been moved out of residential aged care to other accommodation? What is the breakdown by state?

Answer:

Data provided by state and territory jurisdictions indicates national progress at 30 June 2008 as follows:

Objective 1 – Moving younger people with disability out of residential aged care (accumulative figures since the start of the Program)	
Jurisdictions	Achieved
NSW	2
VIC	13
QLD	16
SA	14
WA	2
TAS	0
ACT	0
NT	2
Total	49
<small><i>Note: Data provided by jurisdictions is basically manual data source. The AIHW data will be available by the end of 2008.</i></small>	

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Question No: 136

Topic: COAG

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many younger people with disability who were at risk of admission into aged care have been diverted to other accommodation since the program began?

Answer:

Data provided by State and Territory jurisdictions indicates national progress at 30 June 2008 as follows:

Objective 2 – Divert from entering Residential Aged Care (accumulative figures since the start of the Program)	
Jurisdiction	Achieved
NSW	25
VIC	28
QLD	29
SA	18
WA	14
TAS	3
ACT	7
NT	3
Total	127
<small><i>Note: Data provided by jurisdictions is basically manual data source. The AIHW data will be available by the end of 2008.</i></small>	

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Question No: 137

Topic: COAG

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Bernardi asked:

What progress has been made regarding the third key objective of the program that is 'enhance the delivery of specialist disability services to those younger people with disability who choose to remain in residential aged care'?

Answer:

State and Territory jurisdictions reported that a total of 245 clients, who choose to remain in Residential Aged Care, were being provided with the enhanced services including, community access, aids and equipment, transport assistance, case management, holiday support, therapy and other supports such as gym membership, massage and in home support.

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Question No: 138

Topic: Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres

Hansard Page: CA24 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

What is the criteria for which the tender is applied?

Answer:

As set out in the *Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centres – Application Guidelines*, eligible applications are assessed according to how strongly they meet the following selection criteria:

1. **Outline the project**
2. **Land and Building** - Organisations are asked to demonstrate they have the capability to plan, manage and monitor the capital component of the project, including oversight of any contracting, maintaining accurate financial controls and meeting reporting and acquittal requirements.
3. **Operation** - Organisations are asked to demonstrate they have the capability to operate an autism specific long day care centre and early learning program to benefit children aged 0 to 6 with ASDs and their families and carers.
4. **Affiliations and Partnerships** - Organisations are asked to address how the affiliations or partnerships they have established contribute to the development of best practice for children aged 0 to 6 with ASDs.

In addition, applications to operate an Autism Specific Early Learning and Care Centre in North West Tasmania are to demonstrate how their model will build on existing Tasmanian capacity to provide access to children with ASDs from other areas of the state.

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Question No: 139

Topic: National Disability Strategy

Hansard Page: CA30 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many people have been registered the day after the feedback number was made available?

Answer:

The number of registrations received per day are not available. In each of the capital cities and as of 11 November there were the following registrations:

Darwin	20
Sydney	120
Brisbane	116
Perth	62
Melbourne	170
Hobart	30
Adelaide	64
Canberra	40
Total	622

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Question No: 140

Topic: National Disability Strategy

Hansard Page: CA31 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

Will the consultations and any submissions received be made publicly available?

Answer:

Individual submissions or comments made at the public forums will not, in general, be made public.

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Question No: 141

Topic: DAP

Hansard Page: CA67 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

What date were the bilateral's signed?

Answer:

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) funds a capital works investment of \$100 million for various capital works projects to assist with the provision of support accommodation facilities for people with disability.

The MOU's were received from State and Territory Ministers by Minister Macklin as follows:

NT	19 June 2008
SA	23 July 2008
VIC	19 June 2008
TAS	19 June 2008
QLD	26 June 2008
NSW	24 June 2008
TAS	19 June 2008
ACT	20 June 2008
WA	19 June 2008

Minister Macklin officially executed on 27 August 2008.

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Question No: 142

Topic: 2009 ABS Survey

Hansard Page: CA68 23/10

Senator Boyce asked:

How are you planning to characterise what the improvements will be?

Answer:

It is expected that the increased sample size and additional content will improve State and Territory level data and measurements of activity and unmet demand.

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Question No: 143

Topic: 2009 ABS Survey

Hansard Page: CA69 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

What is the sample size of the new survey?

Answer:

The Australian Bureau of Statistics advises that the additional funding will approximately double the sample size of the 2009 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers. The exact sample size is not yet available.

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Question No: 144

Topic: 2009 ABS Survey

Hansard Page: CA69 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

So the sample size has gone from 18,000 to 36,000?

Answer:

The Australian Bureau of Statistics advises that the additional funding will approximately double the sample size of the 2009 Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers, compared to the sample size of the 2009 survey would have had without additional funding. The exact sample size is not yet available.

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Young Carers Research

Senator Siewert asked [in Outcome 2.3] "When will the second half of the "The Young Carers" research be released

Answer:

DEEWR have advised this department that the *Young Carers: characteristics and geographical coverage* research project funded under the National Youth Affairs Research Scheme (NYARS) is expected to be released around the end of this year (2008).

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Question No: 146

Topic: Young Carers Respite and Information Services Program

Hansard Page: CA73 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

Is it a regular payment or is it client-demand driven?

Answer:

This is a regular payment to 55 Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres.

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Question No: 147

Topic: Funding Agreement with Carers Australia

Hansard Page: CA73 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

Can the funding agreement between the department and Carers Australia be provided?

Answer:

While details of the funding agreement are confidential, Carers Australia provide information and referral services, facilitation of the Australian National Young Carers Advisory Team, and website development.

In 2008-09 the value of the funding agreement is \$536,000.

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Question No: 148

Topic: Young Carers Website

Hansard Page: CA73 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

What are the ongoing costs to maintain the website and who actually maintains it?

Answer:

The ongoing cost to maintain the website in 2008-09 is \$33,000.

Funding is provided to Carers Australia to upgrade and maintain the young carers' website.

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Question No: 149

Topic: Carer Allowance and Payment for young carers

Hansard Page: CA75 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

Can you provide a breakdown of age for carer allowance and carer payment recipients?

Answer:

The table below provides the number of Carer Allowance and Carer Payment recipients by age group as at June 2008.

Age group	Carer Allowance	Carer Payment
Years	Number	Number
Less than 18	589	306
18-24	6,705	3,884
25-29	12,655	3,713
30-34	26,866	5,809
35-39	45,909	10,099
40-44	48,047	13,733
45-49	45,100	17,956
50-54	40,243	19,768
55-59	43,871	22,998
60-64	44,491	23,059
65-69	32,706	5,877
70-74	28,070	1,846
75-79	24,201	1,032
80 and over	23,452	577
Total	422,905	130,657

Source: Centrelink's Carer Allowance and Carer Payment Supercross databases, June 2008.

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Question No: 150

Topic: Carers in Hospital

Hansard Page: CA75 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

From what date was it required to let Centrelink or FaHCSIA know that a carer was in hospital?

Answer:

The current hospitalisation provisions were introduced on 1 July 1999. A carer continues to qualify for Carer Payment and Carer Allowance for up to 63 days in a calendar year when the care receiver is in hospital and the carer participates in the care and treatment of the care receiver.

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Question No: 151

Topic: Carers in Hospital

Hansard Page: CA75 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

How many people had their payments reduced as a consequence of reaching the 63 days? Do they lose payment for those 63 days or above that?

Answer:

In the 2007-08 financial year there were 177 cancellations of Carer Payment and 401 cancellations of Carer Allowance where a person exceeded the 63 days hospitalisation amount.

The 63 days hospitalisation provision is based on a calendar year. The period, or the sum of the periods, for which a carer can remain qualified while the care receiver is hospitalised is 63 days in any calendar year.

A person may reclaim once the care receiver returns to their care. Each subsequent time the care receiver is readmitted to hospital or leaves their care in the calendar year they will cease to qualify for payment until the care receiver returns, or a new calendar year commences.

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Question No: 152

Topic: Carer Allowance and Payment for Young Carers

Hansard Page: CA76 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

At what age does a social worker get involved in an application for carers payment or carers allowance, 18 or 16.

Answer:

The Guide to the Social Security Act recommends that a Social Worker should visit the care situation and provide an assessment where the carer is under 21 years.

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Question No: 153

Topic: Young Carers and Schooling

Hansard Page: CA77 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

What particular programs are in place that can assist with accessing assistance if you have missed schooling and those types of things?

Answer:

The Young Carers Respite and Information Services Program provides a range of services to young carers to support them with their schooling. Young carers in primary school as well as those in high school are able to access this service. Services include respite for young people up to 18 years of age, so that they can undertake activities such as studying for exams, attend education, training or recreation or to complete homework assignments. Services provided under this program also include:

- Domestic assistance
- Transport
- Tutoring
- Phone check-ins
- School holiday activities
- Social support
- Counselling
- Skills development

The program also provides information services, advice and referral for all young carers up to the age of 25.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations also administers a program that assists young carers at school called Youth Pathways. This program is targeted at young people aged 13 to 19 who are the most at risk of not making a successful transition through school and from school to further education, training, employment and active participation in the community.

Young carers are also entitled to receive Carer Payment and Carer Allowance provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

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Office for Women, Additional Information, Supplementary Estimates 23 October 2008

Senator Boyce asked in regards to the Womens Leadership Programs
“How have the programs been assed against the criteria of building leadership?”

The Women’s Leadership and Development Program grants aim to support national women’s non-government organisations (NGOs) better respond to the needs of diverse groups of women in the Australian community. The promotion of equality and women’s empowerment supports broader leadership objectives. The selection criteria is available on the FaHCSIA website.

Senator Brown asked in regards to the Paid Maternity Leave – Consultations
“What consultations has the dept assisted with in each state and territory?”

The Minister for the Status of Women approved \$28,664 in funding for the National Foundation for Australia Women (NFAW) with Security for Women (S4W), to hold consultations in each State and Territory during October and early November on the Productivity Commission’s Draft Inquiry Report into Paid Parental Leave.

The consultations aim to encourage women and women’s organisations to respond to the draft report by making their own submissions. Information on the NFAW consultations is available from <http://www.nfaw.org/consultations-on-paid-maternity-leave/>.

Senator Adams asked in regards to the Rural Women’s Summitt
“What recommendations specifically targeted women suffering from drought?”

The National Rural Women’s Summit, an Election Commitment, was held on 27 – 28 June 2008. Specific recommendations will be available in the final report. The Communiqué is available on the Office for Women website (http://www.facsia.gov.au/ofw/womens_safety_agenda/communique.htm). The full report will be available shortly.

Senator Adams asked “What links are there between the 2020 and Rural women.

The final report of the 2020 Summit contained several hundred ideas for consideration by the Australian Government. The ideas outlined in the final 2020 summit report have the potential to affect rural women just as they can affect rural men, urban women and other members of the Australian community.

In particular the 99 ideas under the theme “Future direction for rural industries and rural communities” have the potential to affect rural women. The final report of the 2020 Summit lists all of the ideas and can be found at <http://www.australia2020.gov.au>.

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Question No: 155

Topic: Domestic Violence Helpline

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

Can the Department provide figures on how many calls to Lifeline are domestic violence related?

Answer:

The average number of calls to the national helpline between July 2008 and September 2008 was 3,374. Of these, an average of 60 percent was domestic violence related.

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Question No: 164

Topic: Paid Maternity Leave

Hansard Page: CA40 23/10

Senator Furner asked:

What percentage of women do not currently receive paid maternity leave?

Answer:

The figures below show that ABS data is collected on the number of women who have access to paid maternity leave, rather than those who currently receive it.

The latest ABS Forms of Employment Survey (November 2007) shows that 45.4 per cent of female employees had access to paid maternity leave entitlements in 2007.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Workplace Agreements Database (at 31 December 2007) shows that 43.6 per cent of women employed under current federal collective agreements have access to paid maternity leave.

The Productivity Commission draft inquiry report, Paid Parental Leave: Support for Parents with Newborn Children (2008) provided the estimates below on the number of women with access to paid maternity leave and access across income levels and by form of employment.

Using adjusted ABS figures, 53 per cent of female employees have access to employer-provided paid parental leave.

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Question No: 165

Topic: Employer of Choice for Women Citation Criteria

Hansard Page: CA40 23/10

Senator Boyce asked:

With regards to the criteria for Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA) Employer of Choice for Women specifically a minimum of six weeks paid leave after 12 months of service. On what basis would that decision to have put that prerequisite in have been made?

Answer:

The EOWA Employer of Choice for Women criteria were reviewed in 2006. In addition to the existing criteria it was decided that pre-requisites were required to set a minimum benchmark to apply. Business was invited to comment about the introduction of pre-requisites.

EOWA believed it could not credibly cite organisations as EOWA Employers of Choice for Women if they did not offer paid maternity leave.

Data collected during the EOWA reporting process revealed that, of the organisations providing paid maternity leave, 6 weeks duration was the most common. The requirement of 12 months service is in line with the 12 months legislated eligibility period for accessing unpaid maternity leave.

The determined pre-requisites became effective from 2007.

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Question No: 156

Topic: Domestic Violence helpline

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

Have the phone counsellors been specifically trained in domestic violence issues, level of qualifications of operators?

Answer:

All staff operating the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Helpline have completed competency based telephone counselling training and are accredited through regular compulsory professional supervision and an annual staff appraisal conducted by the Helpline management.

The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Helpline telephone counsellors are also required to have attained, or be working towards, a Certificate 1V in Telephone Counselling, or have a university qualification in psychology or counselling. All telephone counsellors have completed the Community Services Training Package 2002 “Recognise and Respond to domestic and family violence”.

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Question No: 157

Topic: Domestic Violence Helpline

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Hanson-Young

Has the Department looked at funding a domestic violence sector controlled information line?

Answer:

Office for Women, in consultation with the National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children, is looking at a range of approaches for a national helpline to provide crisis support, referral and information for sexual assault and domestic and family violence.

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Question No: 158

Topic: National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Hanson Young asked:

What progress has been made in relation to the establishment of the national action plan?
Is there a timeframe?

Answer:

A National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children was established in May this year.

To progress its work in developing a draft National Plan, the Council set up four subgroups focusing on primary prevention, services for victims and survivors, working with perpetrators, and legal issues.

The Council has undertaken a very extensive program of consultations. Consultations with policy makers and service providers, face-to-face interviews and on-line surveys with victims, survivors, and perpetrators, and a public submission process were conducted throughout May, June and July. In October the Council engaged with communities in rural and remote areas in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Queensland, to take advice about key areas for action to be considered in the draft National Plan. The Council is also conducting a series of expert roundtables in November to advance their thinking for the Plan.

In addition to the comprehensive consultation process the Council's work has also focussed on: progressing an analysis of the current systems in Australia around violence against women and their children; reviewing overseas trends in responding to violence against women; and research on the harmonisation of laws to reflect best practice/model laws, and research to test the efficacy of perpetrator treatment programs.

The Council aims to deliver the draft National Plan to Government by the end of this year.

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Question No: 159

Topic: National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Hanson Young asked:

What programs are expected to come out of the Plan?

Answer:

At this stage the Plan is still being drafted by the National Council and has yet to be presented and considered by Government.

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Question No: 160

Topic: National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Hanson Young asked:

Will the Government be considering an advertising and education campaign developed with proper community consultation, in light of the domestic violence education and advertising package that was scrapped by the previous Government?

Answer:

Primary prevention education is an important area being considered by the National Council.

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Question No: 161

Topic: National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Hanson Young asked:

Is there any consideration being given to developing a campaign directed at educating young men in the community about domestic violence, and what form would this take?

Answer:

There is considerable evidence that points to the importance of engaging with men to reduce the incidence and impact of violence against women. Research undertaken to support the development of the National Plan has reinforced the importance of primary prevention education programs that target young people.

The Government has committed \$1m over four years to expand the White Ribbon Foundation's education campaign into rural and remote communities. This work focuses on men and men's behaviours as critical to women's safety.

In addition, the Government committed funding for a national roll-out of *Respectful Relationship* resources and the National Council is working with the Office for Women and other agencies to progress this commitment by early 2009.

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Question No: 162

Topic: National Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Boyce asked:

How were members of the National Council to reduce Violence against Women and their Children selected?

- Was there an application process?
- If so, how many applied?
- Who made the final decision?

Answer:

Members were appointed based on their expertise by the Prime Minister and the Minister for the Status of Women.

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Question No: 055

Topic: Indigenous Housing in Maningrida

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Payne asked:

Which Department was responsible for the decision to construct a new youth centre?

Answer:

In 2005, the Maningrida community approached the Darwin Indigenous Coordination Centre for funding to develop a youth centre in the community. Through a coordinated, whole of government approach, a Shared Responsibility Agreement (SRA) was developed. The FaHCSIA Family Violence Partnership Program has funded the construction of the Maningrida Youth Centre, recruitment of staff and some youth activities. Other Government departments contribute to fit out, operation and, ongoing services and activities.

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Question No: 103

Topic: Safe Houses

Hansard Page: CA31 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

How many communities have safe houses?

Answer:

The number of Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) Safe Houses across the Northern Territory is 22 (in 16 communities). The number of Non-NTER Safe Houses across the Northern Territory is 8. The number of Shelters/Emergency Accommodation is 6.

The total number facilities across the Northern Territory are 36. The total number of communities with Safe Houses is 22.

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Question No: 169

Topic: Community Workers

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

How many remote aboriginal family and community workers are there currently employed?

Answer:

There are 9 remote Aboriginal family and community workers currently employed.

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Question No: 170

Topic: RAFCW program

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

What is the budget for the RAFCW program? How many years is it to operate for? How will it operate?

Answer:

The budget allocated for funding the Remote Aboriginal Family and Community Workers project in 2007-08 was \$0.32 million. The budget for 2008-09 is to be agreed with the Northern Territory Government.

The Remote Aboriginal Family and Community Workers, as a part of the Northern Territory Emergency Response Family Support Package, are a culturally appropriate liaison and linkage point between the child protection system, support services, Indigenous families and communities. The workers help link families with local family-safety or safe-house programs, night patrols, mental-health workers and child-health workers.

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Question No: 171

Topic: Evaluation of Trials of Income Management in the Kimberley region and Cannington district of Perth

Hansard Page: CA105 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Will you be collecting and making sure you have all the baseline data before it starts so we have something to evaluate against?

Answer:

Data is intended to be drawn from agencies' (Centrelink and the WA Department for Child Protection) management information and systems, collected at the referral and commencement of income management for each person, as well as from aggregate data collected from financial service providers at clients' first attendance.

This data will form the baseline for the evaluations of the Child Protection Initiative and Voluntary Income Management.

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Question No: 173

Topic: Income Management Trials in the Kimberley region and Cannington district of Perth

Hansard Page: CA106 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Can you provide the breakdown of the \$18.9m over 2 years of what that has been spent on?

Answer:

The Australian Government has committed \$18.9 million over two years to implementing a trial of income management for child protection and voluntary income management in selected locations in Western Australia. The breakdown of the funding includes:

- \$15.3 million will be provided to Centrelink to implement income management;
- \$1.5 million to supplement financial counselling and money management training services in Western Australia;
- \$0.7 million to provide the BasicsCard to people who are income managed in Western Australia; and
- \$1.3 million to FaHCSIA to implement the initiative.

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Question No: 174

Topic: Income Management Trial in the Kimberley Region and Cannington district of Perth

Hansard Page: CA106 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Has the state government given a commitment that they will put extra resources into the Cannington and Kimberley?

Answer:

The WA Department for Child Protection has indicated that it is providing a new ParentSupport service in the East and West Kimberley to support families placed on income management. This service is already available in Cannington.

In addition, existing resources and services normally accessed for case management purposes will also be utilised to support families placed on income management in Western Australia.

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Question No: 175

Topic: Youth Allowance

Hansard Page: CA107 23/10

Senator Scullion asked:

When is it that a child can actually receive an independent living allowance?

Answer:

Youth Allowance is a means-tested payment which provides assistance to young people aged 16 to 24 years in full-time education, training or a full-time Australian Apprenticeship. It is targeted to those families and students most in need of assistance on the basis of the shared responsibility for the support of students between parents, the government and students themselves. For this reason, the means tests are used to assess the eligibility and rate of payment for student income support. The parental means test is not applied if the young person is able to meet the Youth Allowance independence criteria.

There are arrangements in place to ensure that young people who do not meet the independence criteria are not disadvantaged. Under these arrangements the young person may be assessed as independent on the grounds of *unreasonable to live at home*.

All young people under the age of 18 seeking this type of support are referred to a social worker for assessment and their specific family circumstances are taken into account as well as whether they meet a number of obligations known collectively as the “activity test”, which relates to whether the young person is employment, looking for work or undertaking training.

Under the Commonwealth and state and territory governments Youth Protocol, Centrelink only considers income support payments to young people aged less than 15 in exceptional circumstances and where it is possible to establish there are no other viable alternatives and the young person is capable of independent living.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has policy responsibility for this issue and further questions should be referred to the appropriate Minister.

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Question No: 176

Topic: Youth Allowance

Hansard Page: CA107 23/10

Senator Scullion asked:

Do you have policy parameters that you would ask Centrelink, who are responsible for the payments? What sorts of policy parameters would you have around saying, “These are the sorts of investigations and the sorts of parameters that you would have to look into.”

Answer:

The Department of Employment and Workplace Relations advises that the assessment procedures in place to assess young people for the *unreasonable to live at home* rate of income support are rigorous. This rate of Youth Allowance assists students who may be at risk of giving up their studies because they find their circumstances at home difficult.

As the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has policy responsibility for this issue any further questions should be referred to the appropriate Minister.

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Question No: 177

Topic: Youth Allowance

Hansard Page: CA109 23/10

Senator Scullion asked:

Would you have a flow chart or something to say who enters it? Do you have that sort of thing?

Answer:

There is no flowchart as described however the answers to Questions 175 and 176 describe the target groups and processes by which young people may receive income support services.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has policy responsibility for this issue and further questions should be referred to the appropriate Minister.

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Question No: 178

Topic: Family Relationship Services Program (FRSP)

Hansard Page: CA112 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

What is the first quarter showing for this year (registered and unregistered clients)?

Answer:

From the data entered into the FRSP Online application from 1 July 2008 to 30 September 2008 the total number of clients seen by FRSP service providers is 63,758, which includes 51,482 (81 percent) registered clients that have completed a client details form and 12,276 (19 percent) unregistered clients that have not completed the client details form.

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Question No: 179

Topic: Family Relationship Services Program (FRSP)

Hansard Page: CA113 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

How often did people request the information from the department?

Answer:

A total of 387 requests for reports from data entered into the FRSP Online application were logged through the FRSP Online Support Centre during the 2007-08 financial year.

Since May 2008, FRSP Online users authorised by their organisation have been able to access the FRSP Online Reporting Portal (the Portal). The Portal enables staff to access and generate performance information on a range of client and intervention related indicators. In the period 31 August to 13 November 2008, there have been 156 distinct user accounts that have accessed FRSP reports through the Portal. Information is not available prior to this date as the feature only commenced from 31 August 2008.

Note: the data contained in the Portal does not include any identifiable client or professional information.

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Question No: 181

Topic: Crèches and Playgroups

Hansard Page: CA29 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

Could you provide a list of the new crèches and playgroups that have been established?

Answer:

In 2007-08, two Intensive Support Playgroups were established under the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) initiative; one each in Tennant Creek and Katherine.

The Minister has approved a further 20 playgroup sites for implementation in 2008-09 under the Expansion of Playgroups for Indigenous Families (EPIF) and NTER initiatives. These playgroups are currently being implemented in the locations set out in the tables below.

Crèches are the responsibility of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Table 1 - Proposed Intensive Support Playgroups

Expansion of Playgroups for Indigenous Families Initiative							
WA	QLD	NT	NSW	SA	VIC	ACT	TAS
Halls Creek	Kowanyama	-	Newcastle	Murray Bridge	-	-	-

Table 2 - Proposed Locational Supported Playgroups

Expansion of Playgroups for Indigenous Families Initiative							
WA	QLD	NT	NSW	SA	VIC	ACT	TAS
Warburton Ardyaloon Northam	Woorabinda Lockhart River Aurukun	Ngukurr	Orange Grafton	Whyalla	Bairnsdale	Narrabundah	Smithton
Northern Territory Emergency Response							
-	-	Numbulwar Milingimbi Yuendumu	-	-	-	-	-

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Question No: 182

Topic: Crèches and Playgroups – staffing budget

Hansard Page: CA29 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

What amount of your budget has been spent specifically on staffing for those crèches and playgroups?

Answer:

The Playgroup Program Guidelines recommend that Intensive Support Playgroups (ISPs) be staffed by one full-time family support worker and two part-time early childhood workers; and that Locational Support Playgroups (LSPs) be staffed by one full-time playgroup coordinator and one part-time playgroup worker.

Depending on the Social and Community Services awards in each State and Territory, these staffing costs represent between 75% and 80% of the annual funding level for each model.

ISPs and LSPs are designed as flexible playgroup models enabling staffing structures that are appropriate for each playgroup's particular circumstances which will ensure high level outcomes.

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Question No: 184

Topic: Crèches and Playgroups - linkages

Hansard Page: CA29 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

What links are there between the health and ageing programs and the playgroup and crèche programs? Is an overall strategic approach being taken to link those programs?

Answer:

There are close links between playgroups, crèches and Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) programs supporting families with children.

Strategically, these programs fall under the Government's election commitment, *New Directions: An equal start in life for Indigenous Children*. This measure aims to close the health and wellbeing gap between Indigenous Australians and the rest of the community. DEEWR and DoHA are leading the implementation of the New Directions election commitments in collaboration with state and territory governments and Indigenous communities and people.

In October this year, COAG agreed to the Indigenous Early Childhood Development National Partnership (IECDNP) with joint funding of around \$547.2 million over six years to address the needs of Indigenous children in their early years. Strategically, the Commonwealth will continue to ensure a whole of government approach and coordination in the future planning and establishment of programs to support families with children.

For NTER playgroup projects FaHCSIA has established a reference group with all key stakeholders including DEEWR, NT DEET and NT Health to ensure a coordinated approach to the future planning of the projects in the NT. Delivery of the various programs on the ground is coordinated through Indigenous Coordination Centres and, in the Northern Territory, Government Business Managers.

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Question No: 221

Topic: Protocols for information sharing for unsupported young people.

Hansard Page: CA 109 – 110 23/10

Senator Scullion asked:

Please provide information about current arrangements in the Youth Protocol that are in place for supporting children who come to the attention of either Commonwealth agencies or State and Territory government agencies.

Answer:

Factsheet on the Youth Protocol is attached: what it is, how it works and who it applies to. (sourced from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, which has responsibility for youth).

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Factsheet: Youth Protocol

The Youth Protocol outlines agreements between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments in relation to responsibilities for and case management of unsupported young people who are homeless or at risk.

There is an overarching National Framework for the Protocol which is common to all states and territories and covers:

- Purpose, objectives and outcomes
- Target group and definitions of at risk, homeless and unsupported
- Roles and responsibilities under the Protocol
- Structures and strategies to support implementation.

Sitting under the Framework are operating guidelines which were developed at the jurisdictional level to ensure their fit with each state and territory's legislation and operating arrangements for care and protection of children and young people.

The operating guidelines set out the agreed referral, assessment and case management processes between Centrelink and the relevant state or territory agency with responsibility for children and young people at risk. They also outline the nature of support that may be provided by Centrelink and the state and territory agencies. As far as possible the guidelines signal the roles played by non-government service providers and other state/territory government agencies.

Purpose of the Protocol

The partners in the Protocol share a commitment to ensure that unsupported young people who are homeless or at risk have access to the services they need and that they are provided in a coordinated manner by the State, Territory, and Commonwealth agencies that have responsibility for them.

The purpose of the Youth Protocol is to ensure that:

- unsupported, homeless and at risk young people have access to appropriate assessment and assistance that provides for their immediate safety and well-being, and
- service providers engage with these young people in a way that results in a planned and appropriate response to their longer-term needs.

Target Group

The Protocol is targeted at young people aged 17 years and under who fall into one of the following three categories:

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- Young people under 15 years of age who are homeless or unsupported.²
- Young people who are aged 15 to 17 years (inclusive) who are considered to be at risk of abuse, serious harm or violence
- Young people who are subject to care and protection orders.

Objectives of the Protocol

The objectives of the Youth Protocol are to:

- clarify responsibilities between Centrelink and state/territory community service departments
- establish a basis for shared casework responsibility as well as delineating the specific roles and responsibilities that each agency has
- articulate and recognise the role and involvement of non-government and other government service providers in the initial referral, assessment and service response and in ongoing case management
- establish an agreed view about what support, financial and other, can be provided by Centrelink, state agencies and community service providers, and
- establish principles for good practice in work with young people.

Outcomes

The Protocol is directed to achieving the following outcomes for young people.

Young people referred under the Protocol:

- are provided with safety, adequate care and links to support services
- are supported (where possible) to reconcile with family and retain important connections and relationships in their lives
- are assisted in the process of making a successful transition to adult life.

The Protocol is also intended to impact on the way organisations work together in order to achieve these outcomes. Organisations working with the Protocol:

- work collaboratively to provide flexible service approaches that result in positive outcomes for young people
- embrace opportunities for continuous learning and development in work with unsupported young people.

² For the purpose of this Protocol, all young people under 15 years who are homeless or unsupported are considered to be at risk and will be referred to the state and territory community service department.

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Roles and responsibilities

While many government departments are partners in the Protocol, only Centrelink and the community services department in each state and territory have direct responsibilities. Policy development of the Protocol currently sits with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

Centrelink

Centrelink is the Commonwealth agency responsible for the administration and provision of income support payments. Centrelink makes payments on behalf of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and DEEWR.

Under this Protocol Centrelink:

- provides income support and related services to homeless and unsupported young people in accordance with current legislation, policy guidelines and service level agreements
- makes referrals of homeless, unsupported and at risk young people to the state or territory community services department for assessment
- participates in joint case discussions and assessments as appropriate
- collects relevant data for reporting purposes.

Centrelink only considers income support payments to young people aged less than 15 years in exceptional circumstances. Centrelink retains the discretion to consider providing income support to young people under 15 in exceptional circumstances, and only after it has been established that;

- there are no other viable alternatives, and
- the young person is capable of living independently.

State and Territory governments

State and territory governments are responsible for ensuring the care and protection of children and young people in accordance with state and territory legislation.

States and territories consequently have responsibility for providing care, protection and associated support services to young people who are assessed as being at risk and are homeless, and who are 16 years of age and younger in Victoria, or 17 years and younger in NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory.

Under the Protocol states and territories have the following specific responsibilities:

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- Assessment and support (including financial support) of homeless and unsupported young people under 15 years of age
- Assessment of young people 15-17 years (inclusive) of age who are at risk of abuse, serious harm or violence
- Providing assessment reports to Centrelink

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Question No: 223

Topic: Income Management for Child Protection in Western Australia

Hansard Page: CA 139 - 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

It is the Department for Child Protection's Cannington region; is that correct? And it is 39 suburbs?

Answer:

There are 42 suburbs which make up the area referred to as the "Cannington district" by the Western Australian Department for Child Protection. They are:

Cannington DCP District

AIRPORT (PERTH)
ASCOT
BECKENHAM
BELMONT
BENTLEY
BULL CREEK
BURSWOOD
CANNING VALE
CANNINGTON
CANNINGTON EAST
CARILLA
CARLISLE
CLOVERDALE
COMO
EAST CANNINGTON
EAST VICTORIA PARK
FERNDALE
KARAWARA
KENSINGTON
KEWDALE
LANGFORD
LATHLAIN
LEEMING
LYNWOOD
MANNING
MOUNT HENRY
NEWBURN
PARKWOOD
QUEENS PARK
REDCLIFFE

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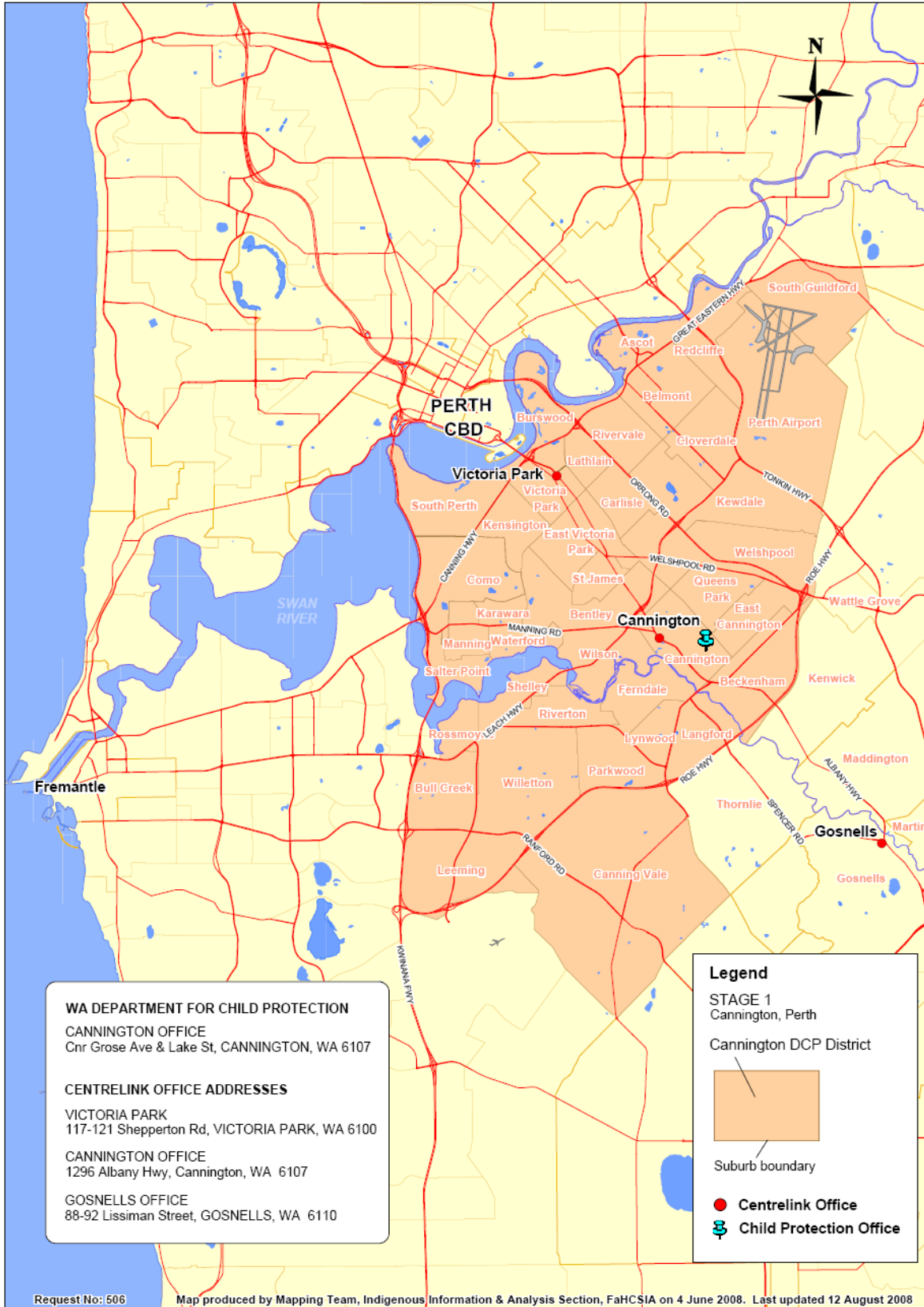
RIVERTON
RIVERVALE
ROSSMOYNE
SALTER POINT
SHELLEY
SOUTH PERTH
ST JAMES
VICTORIA PARK
WATERFORD
WELSHPOOL
WILLETTON
WILSON

Attached is a map which clearly shows the area.

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CANNINGTON DISTRICT, WA

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Question No: 183

Topic: Crèches and Playgroups - training

Hansard Page: CA29 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

What training program, if any, is in place for local community members to be engaged in staffing playgroups and crèches?

Answer:

The employment of local staff and the existence of structures for training and professional development are key factors in the selection of service providers for these playgroups. The Playgroups funding agreements require service providers to provide the Department with a Quality Assurance Framework that, among other things, outlines the service provider's requirements/arrangements regarding staff training, qualifications and professional support.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations advise that a basic Child Care Skills Training Package is currently being delivered by the Northern Territory (NT) Indigenous Professional Support Unit - Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Education (in conjunction with Charles Darwin University), in the nine communities where new crèches are being established under the Northern Territory Emergency Response.

The Basic Child Care Skills Training Package covers:

- food handling;
- health and hygiene;
- first aid and
- nutrition.

In addition to the basic training, ongoing Professional Development Training is incorporated as a component of the new crèches annual operational funding.

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Question No: 180

Topic: List of projects funded this year

Hansard Page: CA21 23/10

Senator Siewert

Provide a list of the projects that have been funded this year that are family-focussed. Are these ongoing or have they finished?

Answer:

The list of projects that relate to family research being conducted by the department is provided in the enclosed Attachment A.

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Attachment A:
Response to QON 180 — List of Projects funded this year

Project title	Status
Child Support and labour market participation — AIFS	Ongoing
Family dynamics over the life-cycle (FaHCSIA-funded PhD)	Ongoing
Exploring the dimensions of significant life-course transition for parents and children (Interviews) — SPRC 2007	Ongoing
The impact of separation and child support payment on income support receipt and income (Lit review; LDW extract) — SPRC 2007	Ongoing
Developing prospective measures of childhood adversity: a profile of risk in the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children (LSAC) — FCH 2007	Ongoing
The declining importance of lone parent families receiving income support: A major new social trend? — SPEAR 2007	Completed but not published
A structural model of the effect of child care arrangements on children's developmental outcomes — SPEAR 2007 (HILDA; LSAC)	Ongoing
Families Week report — Australian Institute of Family Studies 2008	Completed & published
Evaluation of Family Relationship Services for Humanitarian Entrants (FRSHE) initiative — Urbis JHD 2008	Completed & published
Baseline Survey of Income management practices in the Northern Territory Indigenous Communities Charles Darwin University 2008	Completed but not published
A Policy Framework for Parenting (Qualitative Study) SPRC 2008	Ongoing
Maternity leave and child outcomes — SPRC 2008	Ongoing
Bargaining over child support and parenting time: Associations with family dynamics and wellbeing — FCH 2008	Ongoing
Childhood family circumstances and young adult people's receipt of income support — SPEAR 2008	Ongoing
Young Australians and social inclusion — FCH 2008	Ongoing
The Child Support Reform Study (CSRS) — ADSRI 2008	Ongoing
Child Support Longitudinal Study — ARC-Linkage Grant	Due to start in 2009
Contributions to AIFS through Attorney-General's Department for components of Family Law Evaluation AIFS 2008	Ongoing
From birth to the first years of school: Transitions in early childhood — University of New Brunswick, Canada	Ongoing
Intergenerational family resource allocations and reallocations among skipped generation and three-generational households — ADSRI at ANU	Ongoing
Our children, our families, our place: Enabling communities for child health and wellbeing — Mandurah/Peel Regional Partnerships	Ongoing
The causes and consequences of cohabitation in Australia — ARC-linkage	Ongoing
Trends in time: Work, family and social policy in Australia 1992-2006 — ARC-linkage — SPRC	Ongoing
Stronger families and Communities Strategy (SFCS) evaluation of communities for children, local answers, and invest to grow — AIFS/SPRC	Ongoing

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'Voices of Children' — Scoping Study for Child Support Evaluation — Australian Catholic University (2008)	Due to start in 2009
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Note:

AIFS = Australian Institute of Family Studies

SPRC = Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales

FCH = Family and Community Health, Australian National University

SPEAR = Social Policy Evaluation and Analysis Research, Australian National University

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Question No: 185

Topic: Child Support Formula

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Siewert asked:

In the “Report on the Population Impact of the New Child Support Formula” released on 7 August 2008 the highest level provided for payment per week net change in all the charts is “more than \$60”. Is it possible to obtain figures for per week net change higher than that i.e. more than \$200?

Answer:

The tables from the “Report on the Population Impact of the New Child Support Formula” released on 7 August 2008 have been expanded to include the information requested and are attached below.

Explanation for changes

The results presented are based on child support liabilities or entitlements, rather than child support actually paid or received. Therefore the reductions or increases shown may not represent actual changes in disposable income, as this depends on the actual amount of child support transferred. Around 40 per cent of payees³ with larger net losses have outstanding child support owed, indicating that they may not have been receiving full child support payments, if at all, prior to the introduction of the new formula.

The actual change in disposable income for these and other payees, if any, is unknown.

Where the tables show a large net reduction in child support or Family Tax Benefit payable, this generally indicates that the amount of child support that they should have been receiving prior to the reforms was significant. Indeed, for around half of the payees who show a larger net loss, this loss represents a 20 per cent reduction of their previous child support/FTB entitlement, and they continue to receive 80 per cent of their previous entitlement.

³ Compliance data is only available for payees who use the CSA to collect their child support. Data is not available for parents who transfer payments privately.

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Larger changes are mainly due to family circumstances in which two or more features of the new formula and rules combine to reinforce, rather than offset, increases or decreases in child support payable. It may also be due to changes in eligibility for Family Tax Benefit; the application of the new 'fixed payment' of \$21.50 per child per week that applies to payers who appear to under-report their income, or the application of the new default income (2/3 MTAW) to parents with outstanding tax returns.

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Table 2

Receiving Parents: net gains and losses by change per week

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	67,700	117,700		185,500
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	71,900	98,000	.	169,900
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	27,200	35,200	.	62,400
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	29,600	16,300	.	45,900
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	19,700	16,100	.	35,800
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	7,100	11,600	.	18,700
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	1,000	3,300	.	4,300
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	100	800	.	900
9. More than \$200.00	<50	300	.	300
Total	224,600	299,300	81,200	605,100
Overall percentage	37%	49%	13%	100%

Numbers and percentages may not add due to rounding

Results are actual child support and modelled FTB

The full list of caveats should be considered when interpreting this data

Table 3

Paying Parents: net gains and losses by change per week

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	54,900	44,800		99,700
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	98,500	64,800	.	163,300
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	52,400	23,300	.	75,700
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	29,000	31,900	.	60,900
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	30,200	20,200	.	50,400
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	21,200	6,700	.	27,900
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	6,000	750	.	6,700
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	1,500	100	.	1,600
9. More than \$200.00	450	<50	.	500
Total	294,100	192,600	94,400	581,100
Overall percentage	51%	33%	16%	100%

Numbers and percentages may not add due to rounding

Results are actual child support and modelled FTB

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Table 4

Single receiving parents on income support who receive child support: net gains and losses by change per week

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	33,800	68,500	.	102,300
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	32,000	54,400	.	86,400
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	11,100	17,300	.	28,500
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	14,100	7,300	.	21,400
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	9,600	6,600	.	16,200
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	3,300	4,400	.	7,700
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	500	1,300	.	1,800
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	<50	300	.	400
9. More than \$200	<50	100	.	100
Total	104,500	160,200	49,400	314,100
Overall percentage	33%	51%	16%	100%

Numbers and percentages may not add due to rounding

Results are actual child support and modelled FTB

The full list of caveats should be considered when interpreting this data

Table 5

Paying parents on income support: net gains and losses by change per week

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	10,300	14,000		24,300
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	9,100	13,100		22,100
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	3,300	4,000		7,300
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	1,300	5,900		7,200
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	1,300	4,600		5,900
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	800	2,400		3,200
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	100	250		400
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	<50	<50		<50
9. More than \$200.00	<50	<50		<50
Total	26,200	44,200	57,100	127,400
Overall percentage	21%	35%	45%	100%

Numbers and percentages may not add due to rounding

Results are actual child support and modelled FTB

The full list of caveats should be considered when interpreting this data

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Table 6
Receiving parents whose payer has regular care

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	3,200	7,000		10,300
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	3,900	7,300		11,200
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	2,300	5,900		8,300
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	2,200	4,100		6,300
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	2,000	4,700		6,600
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	1,100	3,900		5,000
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	200	1,900		2,100
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	<50	650		600
9. More than \$200.00	Nil	150		150
Total	14,900	35,700	300	50,900
Overall percentage	29%	70%	1%	100%

Numbers and percentages may not add due to rounding
Results are actual child support and modelled FTB
The full list of caveats should be considered when interpreting this data

Table 7
Paying parents who have regular care

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	5,600	2,100		7,700
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	4,300	3,000		7,300
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	4,400	1,300		5,700
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	4,300	1,600		5,900
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	6,800	1,200		8,000
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	7,700	600		8,400
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	3,700	150		3,800
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	1200	<50		1,200
9. More than \$200.00	250	<50		250
Total	38,200	10,000	1,200	49,400
Overall percentage	77%	20%	2%	100%

Numbers and percentages may not add due to rounding
Results are actual child support and modelled FTB
The full list of caveats should be considered when interpreting this data

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Table 8
Receiving parents whose payer has a new family

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	12,600	6,400	.	19,000
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	12,700	2,900	.	15,600
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	7,000	1,500	.	8,500
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	5,600	850	.	6,400
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	4,100	950	.	5,100
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	1,500	650	.	2,100
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	300	150	.	450
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	<50	<50	.	100
9. More than \$200.00	<50	<50	.	<50
Total	43,800	13,500	8,700	65,900
Overall Percentage	66%	20%	13%	100%

Numbers and percentages may not add due to rounding
Results are actual child support and modelled FTB
The full list of caveats should be considered when interpreting this data

Table 9
Paying parents who have a new family

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	4,100	8,400	.	12,500
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	2,200	10,800	.	13,000
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	1,600	6,700	.	8,300
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	1,000	8,400	.	9,500
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	1,400	5,400	.	6,800
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	1,000	1,200	.	2,300
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	250	200	.	500
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	50	<50	.	100
9. More than \$200.00	<50	<50	.	<50
Total	11,700	41,400	9,800	62,900
Overall percentage	19%	66%	16%	100%

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Table 10

Payees with income between the self support amount (\$18,252) and the previous disregarded income (\$45,505)

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	20,400	40,300	.	60,700
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	22,800	30,300	.	53,100
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	7,700	11,900	.	19,600
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	8,400	6,100	.	14,400
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	5,000	6,400	.	11,400
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	1,900	4,500	.	6,400
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	250	1,300	.	1,600
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	<50	300	.	300
9. More than \$200.00	<50	100	.	100
Total	66,500	101,300	18,600	186,300
Overall percentage	36%	54%	10%	100%

Numbers and percentages may not add due to rounding

Results are actual child support and modelled FTB

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Appendix A: Table 2

Combined child support and FTB changes by net gains and losses of combined child support and FTB change per week for the parents financially affected by the Welfare to Work changes

\$ Per Week Net Change	Net Gain	Net Loss	No Change	Total
1. \$0.01-\$10.00	1,000	2,100	.	3,100
2. \$10.01-\$20.00	1,000	1,600	.	2,600
3. \$20.01-\$30.00	450	600	.	1,100
4. \$30.01-\$40.00	500	300	.	800
5. \$40.01-\$60.00	350	300	.	650
6. \$60.01-\$100.00	150	250	.	400
7. \$100.01-\$150.00	<50	50	.	100
8. \$150.01-\$200.00	<50	<50	.	<50
9. More than \$200.00	<50	<50	.	<50
Total	3,500	5,300	1,900	10,700
Overall percentage	33%	50%	18%	100%

Numbers and percentages may not add due to rounding

Results are actual child support and modelled FTB

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Senator Payne asked where were the locations of the National Housing Supply Council meetings

Answer: The National Housing Supply Council has held four face-to-face meetings. Two of these meetings have been in Melbourne, and one each in Sydney and Brisbane.

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Australian Government

**Department of Families, Housing,
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

Senator Claire Moore
Chair
Senate Community Affairs Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET
ESTIMATES HEARING – 23 OCTOBER 2008.

I write to clarify an answer I provided during the Community Affairs Committee’s examination of Output 4.1, Housing Support of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Additional Estimates on 23 October 2008.

In a response to a question on the National Rental Affordability Scheme, from Senator Ludlam (Proof Committee Hansard page CA 47) regarding the make up of not-for-profit or community housing organisations who have applied under round 1 as compared to commercial developers.

I stated “I think I said it was approximately 50 per cent. I think those figures are 44 per cent commercial and 56 per cent not-for-profit organisations.”

My answer should have been: “FaHCSIA received 70 applications for incentives under the National Rental Affordability Scheme. Of those applications 56 per cent could broadly be described as commercial or for-profit organisations and 44 per cent were made by not-for-profit organisations.”

The error occurred through a simple accidental reversal of the percentages. Please accept that there was no intention on my part to mislead the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Signed

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Question No: 186

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

Will the National Affordable Housing Agreement operate with an expiry date, like the current Commonwealth State Housing Agreement, or will it be a continuing agreement?

Answer:

The National Affordable Housing Agreement will be a continuing agreement, but will be reviewed every five years. It may be amended as necessary by the consensus of interested or affected jurisdictions.

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Question No: 187

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

Given the very short amount of time that has been available to develop and negotiate such a comprehensive agreement, can you advise:

- if there are currently plans to delay the planned introduction schedule (i.e. commence the Agreement on 1 January 2009)?
- if there will be a phased roll out of the Agreement?

Answer:

The National Affordable Housing Agreement, subject to endorsement of the Council of Australian Governments, is scheduled to commence on 1 January 2009.

A phased roll out of the Agreement is not planned.

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Question No: 188

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

What programs will be contained within the NAHA, and what funding arrangements will exist for each of them?

Answer:

The National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA), will bring together funding for affordable housing through the consolidation of Specific Purpose Payments (SPP) previously administered under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement and the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program Agreement and housing measures provided by each level of government.

The total quantum of funds to be allocated to the NAHA is subject decisions by the Council of Australian Governments.

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Question No: 189

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

Can the government guarantee funding levels for programs will be equal to amounts received before the National Affordable Housing Agreement?

Answer:

The Commonwealth has provided a clear commitment that no State will be worse off overall than they would be under the current arrangements, and that National Partnership reform payments will be in addition to existing payments.

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Question No: 190

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

What discretion will states have to distribute money between the National Affordable Housing Agreement's separate programs within their own jurisdiction?

Answer:

COAG has agreed to implement a new framework for federal financial relations that focuses on reducing Commonwealth prescriptions on service delivery by the States and includes increased flexibility for resources to be allocated to areas where they will produce the best overall outcomes for the community.

Further information regarding the new framework for federal financial relations including the application of Specific Purpose Payments and National Partnership Payments is detailed in the 2008-09 Budget Papers (Budget Paper No. 3).

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Question No: 191

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

Has the Government determined what amount of funding will be allocated in the National Affordable Housing Agreement to community housing, public housing, and homelessness programs?

Answer:

See response to Questions 188 and 190.

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Question No: 192

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

How will funding under the National Affordable Housing Agreement be reviewed?

Answer:

The National Affordable Housing Agreement is a schedule to the Intergovernmental Agreement and is subject to examination under the new national performance reporting framework endorsed by the Council of Australian Governments in July 2008.

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Question No: 193

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

What processes will be in place to evaluate and update the implementation of the National Affordable Housing Agreement?

Answer:

The National Affordable Housing Agreement will be subject to ongoing review.

COAG will establish a performance reporting framework for all of the National Agreements which will be co-ordinated through the Steering Committee for the Review of Government Service Provision and reported through the COAG Reform Council on an annual basis.

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Question No: 194

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

What legislation will the government put in place to protect and provide for a homelessness response in Australia if the SAAP Act is repealed?

Answer:

No decision has been made to repeal the SAAP Act.

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Question No: 195

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

With regard to the business cases for the three areas within the National Affordable Housing Agreement that have been prepared- homelessness, Indigenous housing (with focus on rural and remote housing), and social housing – (1) how much additional funding is currently being proposed for the implementation of these business cases, and (2) are these funds earmarked only for a specified time period, or (3) if any extra funding will form part of an ongoing funding stream for the National Affordable Housing Agreement?

Answer:

Funding for the Housing Specific Purpose Payments and any National Partnership Agreements is subject to decisions by the Council of Australian Governments.

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Question No: 196

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

Will the National Affordable Housing Agreement be adopting a series of goals and targets relating to the supply of housing funded under the Agreement? If this has not yet been decided:

- What modelling has been conducted on supply needs and the cost of delivering housing?
- Do the business cases that have been developed specify goals and targets? If so, what are these?

Answer:

The National Affordable Housing Agreement will include performance indicators and benchmarks. These are currently being finalised in consultation with the States and Territories.

Information on supply needs and the cost of delivering housing has been obtained from a range of sources including State and Territory Governments, the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute.

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Question No: 197

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

Do the business cases separate capital from ongoing funding streams? If so, how? If not, are there plans to adopt this approach for the Agreement as a whole?

Answer:

See response to Question 190 and Question 195.

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Question No: 198

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

Under the NAHA it is widely acknowledged and expected that the not-for-profit sector will play an increasingly important role in the management and delivery of a wide range of housing products and services. What capacity building initiatives have been planned to ensure that the not-for-profit sector is better positioned to take on these additional roles in a timely and sustainable fashion?

Answer:

The Government is supportive of an expanded role for not for profit community housing providers. The Government expects that the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) will assist the community housing sector to grow, both as tenancy managers and owners of new stock. Under the NRAS Capacity Building Strategy, assistance will be available for not for profit affordable housing providers to help develop their capacity through grants and projects that target identified needs within the sector. The Government has committed \$1.5 million over two years to assist affordable housing providers become involved in the Scheme.

The Government supports opportunities for not for profit housing providers to grow in addition to those that might arise through the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

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Question No: 199

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

Given that the bulk of the funding in the Agreement will not be matched by state and territory governments, and that much of the NAHA funding will not be earmarked for specific program areas (with the exception of areas such as the NRAS, and possibly funding for homelessness and Indigenous housing), what safeguards have been put in place to ensure that there is not a reduction in the amount or proportion of affordable rental accommodation?

Answer:

The National Affordable Housing Agreement will encompass all measures by the Commonwealth, States and Local Government including the supply of affordable rental accommodation.

See also answer to Question 193.

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Question No: 200

Topic: National Affordable Housing Agreement

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Ludlum asked:

Has funding for research, data collection, and evaluation components of the Agreement been set aside in the business cases or in the framework of the Agreement?

Answer:

Through the National Affordable Housing Agreement, it is expected that the Commonwealth and the States and Territories will commit to ongoing funding for the collection and publication of data, evaluation and research.

In addition, COAG has endorsed a new and expanded role for the COAG Reform Council related to the publication of performance data for each of the new National Agreements. This new role will be supported by enhanced reporting under the 'Report on Government Services Provision'.

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Question No: 201

Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme, Round 1 Call for Applications

Hansard Page: CA42 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

How many of the 69 applications that were received were compliant?

Answer:

Decisions for National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) Round 1 applications will not be finalised until the NRAS Bills currently before Parliament have passed and the NRAS regulations proclaimed. Once this occurs, information about successful and unsuccessful applications (including those that are non-compliant) will be able to be provided publicly.

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Question No: 202

Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme, Round 1 Call for Applications

Hansard Page: CA42 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

Can you tell me how many of the applications received were for metropolitan areas and how many were for regional areas?

Answer:

National Rental Affordability Scheme Round One contained:

- 26 applications for metropolitan areas (comprising 3277 dwellings);
- 27 applications for regional areas (comprising 4638 dwellings); and
- 15 applications that covered both metropolitan and regional areas (comprising 4732 dwellings).

Metropolitan areas are defined as the State/Territory capital cities. All other areas are defined as regional.

Five applications comprising a total of 419 dwellings did not specify locations for all dwellings and these are not included in the above breakdown.

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Question No: 203

Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS), Round 1 Call for Applications

Hansard Page: CA42 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

Can a breakdown be provided, state by state, of the amount of dwellings in inner, middle and outer suburbs for metropolitan areas?

Answer:

The data collected for NRAS Round 1 applications identified location of dwellings and this information was subsequently sorted into Local Government Areas by the department. The data is not readily identifiable by inner, middle and outer suburbs.

Metropolitan areas are defined as the State/Territory capital cities. All other areas were defined as regional.

The breakdown of dwellings by Local Government Areas within metropolitan areas is at Attachment A.

Five applications comprising a total of 419 dwellings did not specify locations for all dwellings and these are not included in the breakdown.

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Australian Capital Territory	
Canberra	68
ACT Total	68
New South Wales – Sydney	
Bankstown	83
Blacktown	461
Campbelltown	79
City of Canada Bay	1
Fairfield	34
Holdroyd	50
Illawarra	50
Parramatta	387
Randwick	213
Stratfield	23
Sydney	57
Sydney – Inner	1173
Sydney Surrounds	20
Penrith City Council	92
Outer Sydney	350
NSW Total	3073
Northern Territory – Darwin	
Darwin	100
NT Total	100
Queensland – Brisbane	
Brisbane City Council	1189
QLD Total	1189
South Australia – Adelaide	
Adelaide	299
Marion	25
Port Adelaide Enfield	33
Salisbury	25
West Torrens	70
SA Total	452
Tasmania - Hobart	
Kingborough	2
Glenorchy City Council	32
TAS Total	34

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Victoria - Melbourne	
Brimbank	269
Casey City	21
Darebin	135
Frankston City	2
Greater Dandenong	100
Hume City	4
Maryibyrnong	179
Melbourne Northern Metro	36
Melbourne Southern Metro	11
Melbourne Western Metro	20
Melton	60
Moonee Valley	100
Wyndham City	1
VIC Total	938
Western Australia - Perth	
Armadale	227
City of Gosnells	25
City of Kwinana	49
City of Swan	45
Perth	50
WA Total	396
Total	6250

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Question No: 204

Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme, Round 1 Call for Applications

Hansard Page: CA42-43 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

Have you determined what proportion of the applications are those which would be eligible for the direct cash grants versus those which would be eligible for the tax offset and then how many dwellings fall into each category? And how many of the commercial side of the spectrum involved the participation of a superannuation fund or another institutional investor as an equity participant?

Answer:

Of the 69 applications received, the number of applications eligible for tax offsets compared to grant payments and the number of dwellings involved are outlined in the table below:

Applications Received and Eligible Payment Type			
	Payment Type		Total
	Grant Payment	Tax Offset	
No. Applications	26	42	68*
No. National Rental Incentives	3341	9725	13066

* Note – This excludes one application which did not declare a profit status. This particular application also failed to specify numbers of dwellings.

Information about numbers of for profit organisations involving the participation of a superannuation fund or another institutional investor is not readily available and would be resource intensive to provide.

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Question No: 205

Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS), Round 1 Call for Applications

Hansard Page: CA44 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

How many of the proposals have already received planning and building approval? And what is the total number of dwellings that is represented by those applications?

Answer:

Data on the stage of planning and construction on each application has not been collated, and would pose a significant additional burden on resources.

In NRAS Round One, 45 applications indicated that a total of 3241 dwellings could be available for rent in the 2008-09 financial year. It is expected that the majority of these dwellings will have received planning and building approval. No decisions have been made in respect of these applications or dwellings.

The table below provides a breakdown of where the dwellings are located.

State	Potential Dwellings available for rent in 2008-09
ACT	56
NSW	587
NT	0
QLD	1099
SA	123
TAS	392
VIC	503
WA	261
Multi jurisdictional	220
Total	3241

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Question No: 206

Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS), Round 1 Call for Applications

Hansard Page: CA45 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

How many of the applications have already commenced construction? And how many lots are attached to that set of applications?

Answer:

Data on the stage of planning and construction on each application has not been collated, and would pose a significant additional burden on resource.

In NRAS Round One, 45 applications indicated that a total of 3241 dwellings could be available for rent in the 2008-09 financial year. It is expected that the majority of these dwellings will have received planning and building approval. No decisions have been made in respect of these applications or dwellings.

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Question No: 207

Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS), Round 1 Call for Applications

Hansard Page: CA46 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

How many of the applications provide between 20 and 100 dwellings? And how many provide for more than 100 dwellings?

Answer:

Under NRAS Round 1:

- a total of 33 applications have sought Incentives for between 20 and 99 dwellings; and
- a total of 36 applications have sought Incentives for 100 or more dwellings.

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Question No: 208

Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme

Hansard Page: CA48 23/10

Senator Ludlum asked:

Is the water and appliance efficiency going to be benchmarked in the same way as the energy benchmarking? If not, how will they be benchmarked?

Answer:

One of the selection criteria to be addressed by applicants applying under National Rental Affordability Scheme was to demonstrate accessibility and sustainability outcomes. One component of this criterion related to the building and design features which reduce overall costs for tenants, such as measures that improve energy or water efficiency.

To assist in the assessment of applicant responses to this part of the criterion, FaHCSIA engaged KPMG to provide technical advice. The advice included development of indicators used by assessors in considering this part of the criterion. Energy, water and appliance efficiency were assessed in the same way.

A specific standard or benchmark on energy efficiency and sustainability was not able to be applied as there is no national standard and each State and Territory administration applies different regulatory criteria. Some States and Territories apply a benchmark while others apply a standard through their planning approval processes.

Based on the advice provided by KPMG, the FaHCSIA assessment of accessibility and sustainability outcomes took into consideration:

- demonstrated compliance with the Building Regulation for the State (Victoria); or
- demonstrated compliance with BASIX (a planning initiative of the NSW Government (and recognised by some other state and territory governments), that requires all new dwellings to be designed and built to achieve a 40% reduction in water consumption and 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions compared to the average dwelling; or
- demonstrated proof that the applicant will achieve at least a 40% reduction in water consumption and 40% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions compared to the average dwelling. Demonstrated proof is information from an acceptable authoritative source.

Failure to meet these conditions resulted in a nil score on this component of the assessment.

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Question No: 209

Topic: National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS), Assessment criteria for Round 1

Hansard Page: CA49 23/10

Senator Ludlum asked:

Can you provide us with any information about the assessment tool- what its parameters are and how it operates?

Answer:

Applicants for NRAS Round 1 were required to address five weighted selection criteria, each with a number of subsections.

FaHCSIA developed an assessment tool to guide internal assessors, within input from States and Territories.

The assessment tool consists of:

- a six point rating scale for each criterion; and
- a describer for each scaling point that relates to the quality and level of information provided in the application.

FaHCSIA engaged KPMG to provide expert technical advice on the assessment of some of the criteria. Where national/state/territory standards or requirements exist, for example in relation to water and energy efficiency requirements, these standards were incorporated into the assessment tool.

Where a specific standard does not exist that could qualify the criterion, for example the proximity of dwellings to public amenities and services, a range of indicators are used. These included the relevance of the proximity to the needs of the proposed tenants and any strategies proposed by applicants to enhance accessibility.

The information that has been provided about the content of the assessment tool is necessarily limited by probity and the need to maintain integrity of the competitive nature of the selection process.

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Question No: 210

Topic: Housing Affordability Fund (HAF) funding round

Hansard Page: CA50 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

In terms of the jurisdictions, can you tell us how many of those first round applications were received from local government authorities in each of the states and territories?

How many of those 91 applications were partnership applications from the private sector in association with either local government or state or territory government?

Answer:

On 28 October 2008, the Minister announced that ninety-one applications had been received. After further analysis, it was revealed that three applicants had provided more than one application per registration number. There are now a total of 97 applications received for funding under HAF.

Of the 97 applications, 66 were received from local governments and local government authorities. Three applications were received from developers.

A total of 35 applications were partnership applications involving the private sector in association with either a local government or state/territory government.

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Question No: 211

Topic: Types of proposals received in the first Housing Affordability Fund (HAF) funding round

Hansard Page: CA50 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

Have you done any analysis to enable you to tell us what the main types of proposals that are in this round of applications?

Answer:

The Housing Affordability Fund Guidelines specified the Fund could only be used to provide funding for three types of applications: infrastructure only, reform only or mixed reform and infrastructure proposals.

A breakdown of the 97 applications into type of proposal is provided below.

Application Type by State	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Grand Total
Infrastructure	1	10	1	8	8	4	11	8	51
Mixed		6		1	2		2	2	13
Reform	1	5		9	12	1	3	2	33
Grand Total	2	21	1	18	22	5	16	12	97

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Question No: 212

Topic: Eligibility for Housing Affordability Fund (HAF) funding and council approval

Hansard Page: CA51 23/10

Senator Payne asked:

If a project that is the subject of an application has already been approved for construction, or is under construction can it still qualify for the grant under this scheme?

Answer:

Applications that have been approved for construction but not yet commenced will be eligible for funding as part of the Housing Affordability Fund. However, funding will not be provided retrospectively to projects that have already commenced.

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SENATOR SCULLION ASKED:

**Main Sources of Referral to Commonwealth Financial Counselling (General) Services
[July 2007-December 2007]**

Self/Family/Friends/Other (31.6%)
Other Community/Local Government Organisation (15.7%)
Own Organisation (9.4%)
Insolvency and Trustee Service Australia (7.9%)
Court/Lawyer/Legal Aid (5.9%)
Centrelink (5.3%)
Medical Service/Practitioner (3.8%)
Other Government Agency (3.7%)
Creditor (3.5%)
Utility company (e.g. water, gas, electricity, telecommunications) (3.1%)
Financial Counsellor (other) (2.4%)
Emergency Relief Provider (2.3%)
Financial institution (1.5%)
Integrated Humanitarian Settlement Strategy service provider (0.8%)
Other (3.3%)

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Expansion of and new Financial Management Services to support Income Management in Cannington District and Kimberley Region

2008-09 Budget – 12 months funding to support trial \$1.520 million.

Administered

Commonwealth Financial Counselling	\$0.134
Emergency Relief	\$0.055
Money Management Services	\$1.098
TOTAL	\$1.287

<u>Departmental</u>	\$0.233
TOTAL NEW FUNDING	\$1.520 million

The funding estimates for the trial of income management are based on approximately 1,000 cases of income management, with 500 through compulsory income management via notification from the Western Australia Department of Child Protection, and 500 cases of voluntary income management.

These cases will be spread across the Cannington and Kimberley areas.

The funding will be used to supplement existing services in Cannington and the Kimberley region and some new services where required.

People who become subject to income management will be referred to Commonwealth Financial Management Services (as set out below) by Centrelink.

Note: There are 7 existing financial counselling services in the Cannington district funded by the Western Australian Government, which provide financial counselling services for people not part of the trial.

Commonwealth Financial Counselling

- The equivalent of 3 full time financial counselling positions will be available for the trial in 2008-09 across the Cannington and the Kimberley region.
- Existing Emergency Relief services are being enhanced in the Cannington District to deliver 2 financial counselling positions (approximately \$0.090m). Applications closed 22 October. Assessment and decision is expected by 31 October. Services expected to commence 17 November 2008 or earlier – pending execution of a Funding Agreement.
- In addition existing Emergency Relief services will be invited to deliver financial counselling services where need is identified in the Kimberley Region to complement new Money Management services, equivalent to 1 position (0.044m).

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Emergency Relief

Funding will be distributed to existing service providers on an as needed basis, ie. in cases of unmet need or increased demand. There are 16 emergency relief outlets in the Cannington district area and 18 in the Kimberley region.

Money Management Services

New services will be implemented in Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and Wyndham

- Broome, Derby and Fitzroy Crossing – funding agreements finalised – not yet executed. Services aim to commence week commencing 8 December
- Halls Creek and Wyndham - negotiations commenced with provider that has since withdrawn. A new potential provider been invited to submit an application for Halls Creek. In addition, existing Emergency Relief providers in the Kimberly Region will be invited to apply for funding to deliver money management services in Wyndham

Existing services Kununurra

- The existing MoneyBusiness service provider in Kununurra will service income management customers (2008-09 funding under 4.2 FIM \$0.235 million).

What are Financial Management Services?

Financial Management Service interventions are designed to help move people along skills continuum that ranges from limited budgeting skills, to basic budgeting skills so expenses are managed, to being able to budget for saving small amounts, and towards more sophisticated means of managing money such as loans and investments.

The Financial Management Services include, but are not limited to, Commonwealth Financial Counselling, Money Management Services and Emergency Relief. Increased financial skills that enable individual's and families to better manage their money and be financial resilient will benefit income managed communities over the long term.

What is Commonwealth Financial Counselling?

Commonwealth Financial Counselling organisations provide free financial counselling to people who are experiencing personal financial difficulties, including due to circumstances such as unemployment, sickness, credit over-commitment and family breakdown. Activities undertaken by Australian Government funded financial counsellors include direct casework (e.g. provision of advice and information); individual or group advocacy and negotiation; referral; community education and development; and liaison with other financial management and community services

What is Money Management Services?

Community-based service organisations are funded to provide money management education and intensive coaching in financial literacy and budgeting, access and use of tools to implement individual and family budgeting and savings plans/goals, on-going budget monitoring, related family support and referrals, assistance with accessing financial institutions, products and services, and support with community planning and information sessions relating to financial management and consumer awareness. Money management is based on 'learning by doing' and access to knowledge, not on 'doing things for' people.

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Question No: 172

Topic: Trials in Kimberley and Cannington

Hansard Page: CA105 23/10

Senator Siewert asked:

There is already a contract let in Cannington. What about in the Kimberley?

Answer:

In addition to the one existing and two new Commonwealth Financial Counselling positions in the Cannington District there are also 19 Financial Management Services funded to deliver Emergency Relief. Of these organisations 7 also provide financial counselling funded by the Western Australian Government.

There is an established money management service in Kununurra and 19 Emergency Relief services in the Kimberley region. Of these organisations 3 also provide financial counselling funded by the Western Australian Government. In addition the department is also implementing up to four additional money management services and one Commonwealth Financial Counselling position to support income managed clients in the Kimberley region in Western Australia.

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Question No: 215

Topic: Income Management in WA

Hansard Page: CA38 24/10 and CA43 24/10

Senator Siewert asked:

I refer to the new process for income management in Western Australia. How many additional staff will have financial management qualifications, or will you be delivering the sorts of financial counselling services that we have been talking about?

How are remote communities in the Northern Territory obtaining access to financial services if you are not providing them?

Answer:

Financial literacy services to support income managed clients will be delivered by qualified community sector organisations. Australian government staff will not be delivering financial literacy services to support income management.

In the Cannington District, in addition to the one existing and two new Commonwealth Financial Counselling positions there are also 19 Financial Management Services funded to deliver Emergency Relief. Of these organisations 7 also provide financial counselling funded by the Western Australian government.

There is an established money management service in Kununurra and 19 Emergency Relief services in the Kimberley region. Of these organisations 3 also provide financial counselling funded by the Western Australian government. In addition the department is also implementing up to four additional money management services and one Commonwealth Financial Counselling position to support income managed clients in the Kimberley region in Western Australia.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has funded 12 community sector organisations to deliver financial literacy community education workshops and basic budgeting support to income managed communities. The four established money management services in Katherine, Tennant Creek, Nguiu and Galiwin'ku also provide support to income managed clients. Services have been provided to 53 remote communities and 18 homelands in the Northern Territory.

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Question No: 216

Topic: Grants

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Humphries asked:

Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Answer:

Yes. The Department has also worked to establish a consolidated process and single point for publishing details of grants on its website. Consolidated grants information was last published on the Department's website on 5 December 2008 and will be up-dated on a monthly basis.

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Question No: 217

Topic: Petrol vouchers for volunteer organisations

Hansard Page: CA117 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

Can you tell me how many organisations have applied for petrol vouchers since the scheme began (broken down by state)? And how many vouchers have been issued so far?

Answer:

Applications for Volunteer Grants Program 2008 closed on the 17 October 2008 and are still being assessed. Complete information about the number of organisations applying for petrol is not yet available.

The outcome of the Volunteer Grants Program 2008 is expected to be announced soon.

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Question No: 218

Topic: Volunteer Resource Centres

Hansard Page: CA120 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

Before the \$5m worth of funding that was announced on 12 May, which is included in the \$16.7m funding, what was the Commonwealth's contribution to the volunteer resource centres?

Answer:

\$1.68m was provided in the 2006-07 financial year.

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Question No: 219

Topic: Volunteer Resource Centres

Hansard Page: CA120 23/10

Senator Bernardi asked:

How many volunteer resource centres are there in each state and territory?

Answer:

The number of volunteer resource centres funded under the Volunteer Management Program by state and territory are:

ACT	NSW	VIC	QLD	SA	WA	NT	TAS	TOTAL
1	12	14	7	5	7	2	2	50